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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Article III, Section 3, City CEQA Guidelines)

FORM RP 1-1-91

Submission of this form is optional. This form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 East Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitation on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitation being extended to 180 days.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

PROJECT TITLE: ARTS DISTRICT PARK - ARTS DISTRICT PARK - Cancellation of rotating mural project
LOG REFERENCE: BR 23-080

PROJECT LOCATION: 501 South Hewitt St, Los Angeles, CA, 90013

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
On January 18, 2017, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) approved the installation of an ongoing rotating mural project at Arts District Park with Report No. 17-007. The project, spearheaded by the Office of Council District 14 and community partner Art Share L.A., entailed the installation of a metal frame attached to an existing concrete masonry wall. The frame holds five (5) plywood panels, each of which measure four by seven feet (4' x 7'). The project initially intended to rotate a different mural every six (6) months for a period of three (3) years. As stipulated in the Report, every subsequent mural would be required to go through a final approval process with RAP as well as requiring the artist to sign the Artist Waiver for Murals, Plaques and Public Art (Artist Waiver), a waiver of proprietary rights for artwork placed upon City Property. The inaugural mural installation, entitled "Graffiti Spirit: an LA Renaissance", was approved in Report No. 17-007 and installed in 2017. This mural remained displayed at Arts District Park until December 2022. The former executive director of Art Share L.A. advised that the rotating mural program "fell flat" due to the Office of Council District 14's "constant upheaval". Due to the failure of this rotating mural program to move forward as conceptualized, the Board cancelled the rotating mural program and authorized the removal of the accompanying metal frame and plywood panels that were installed as part of the project.

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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)
CITY CEQA GUIDELINES
STATE CEQA GUIDELINES
DECLARED EMERGENCY
EMERGENCY PROJECT
MINISTERIAL PROJECT
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
GENERAL EXEMPTION
STATUTORY EXEMPTION
Class Category (City CEQA Guidelines) (State CEQA Guidelines)

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:
The proposed Project consists of the disapproval of a project. It is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(j), of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15270 of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply, see attached narrative.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE: ELENA MAGGIONI Environmental Supervisor
DATE: 4/27/2023

FEE \$75.00
RECEIPT NO.
REC'D. BY:
DATE:

