

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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From: (Public Agency): _____
Long Beach Unified School District
2425 Webster Avenue, Long Beach CA 90810

(Address)

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Project Title: High Density Wireless in HS Gyms

Project Applicant: Long Beach Unified School District

Project Location - Specific:

Please see Attachment A for more information about the project location.

Project Location - City: Long Beach Project Location - County: Los Angeles
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Install new wireless devices and connect them to existing network cabinets. New devices and cables will be attached to interior steel beams, small new wall openings (approximately 2"-3" diameter), and conduits to connect everything back to the network cabinets. This installation will take place in the large gyms at Cabrillo, Poly, Millikan, Lakewood, and Wilson.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Long Beach Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Long Beach Unified School District

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1) ; 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1:15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of installing wireless devices in existing school sites. Therefore, the application of Class 1 categorical exemption is appropriate for the Proposed Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dana Grudem Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 562-997-7550

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: *Dana Grudem* Date: 10.28.24 Title: Senior Program Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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Electronically signed by VALERIE VALADEZ

**LBUSD High Density Wireless in HS Gyms Project
Notice of Exemption (NOE)**

Cabrillo HS, Poly HS, Millikan HS, Lakewood HS, and Wilson HS.

The Long Beach Unified School District (District), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), proposes to install security cameras into existing surfaces at each school site: **Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo High School (Cabrillo HS), Long Beach Polytechnic High School (Poly HS), Robert A. Millikan Senior High School (Millikan HS), Lakewood High School (Lakewood HS), Woodrow Wilson High School (Wilson HS).**

Project Location

Cabrillo HS is located at 2001 Santa Fe Ave, Long Beach, CA 90810. The school campus is located within the neighborhood that is west of Interstate 710 and north of Route 1, at the northwest intersection of Santa Fe Ave and W 20th St. The school site is bounded by W 20th Street to the south, Santa Fe Ave to the east, W Hill St to the north, and Rte 103 to the west.

Poly HS is located at 1600 Atlantic Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813. The school campus is located within the neighborhood that is south of Route 1, at the northeast intersection of Atlantic Ave and E 15th St. The school site is bounded by E 15th Street to the south, Martin Luther King Jr Ave to the east, Rte 1 to the north, and Atlantic Ave to the west.

Millikan High School is located at 2800 Snowden Avenue, Long Beach CA, 90815 and is situated in a residential/commercial area with houses to the East, West and South and commercial complexes to the North. The school accommodates children from grades 9-12. The site is approximately 34 acres in size and encompasses ten (10) permanent buildings, twenty-eight (28) relocatable/portable buildings and one (1) modular building. A new two-story building was added in 2020.

Lakewood HS is located at 4400 Briercrest Ave, Lakewood, CA 90713. The school campus is located within the neighborhood that is east of Route 19, at the northeast intersection of Briercrest Ave and Harvey Way. The school site is bounded by Harvey Way to the south, Lomina Ave to the east, Centralia St to the north, and Briercrest Ave to the west.

Wilson HS is located at 4400 E 10th St, Long Beach, CA 90804. The school campus is located within the neighborhood that is south of Route 1, at the northeast intersection of Bennett Ave and E 7th St. The school site is bounded by E 7th St to the south, Park Ave to the east, E 10th St to the north, and Bennett Ave to the west.

Description of Project

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Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:

The proposed activity is a project subject to CEQA. However, it is exempt from further environmental analysis under Class 1, *Existing Facilities* (CEQA Guidelines §15303). Class 1 categorical exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing,

licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or former use.

The Proposed Project will not result in significant environmental impacts and is exempt from further review under the conditions in Article 19. Therefore, the application of Class 1 categorical exemption is appropriate for the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project does not have the potential to trigger any of the exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2. Consequently, as documented below, the Proposed Project is exempt from further CEQA review.

- (a) **Location.** The improvements will occur entirely within the existing campuses, which are located in urbanized communities. The existing conditions on and around the schools are disturbed and paved ground and are not considered environmentally sensitive. Minor ground disturbance would occur during construction but will be limited to the existing school property on previously disturbed surfaces. The Proposed Project will not impact environmentally sensitive areas or an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern. This exception does not apply to the Proposed Project.
- (b) **Cumulative Impact.** Once Proposed Project has been approved by the District's Board of Education, project construction activities could begin spring of 2023. Details of any other future projects are not yet clearly defined and thereby cannot be further evaluated at this time. Further, the majority of impacts associated with the Proposed Project will be temporary (the construction timeframe) and are limited to the immediate vicinity of the schools. As such, no other cumulatively considerable projects have been identified that could incrementally contribute to the impacts associated with the Proposed Project. This exception does not apply to the Proposed Project.
- (c) **Significant Effect.** The installation of the wireless devices is not considered an unusual circumstance as campus updates are not unusual for school sites. All installations associated with the Proposed Project would be installed on or within existing facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not appear visually incompatible with existing equipment and accessories on the Project site. Normal operations will be similar and consistent with current uses within the Project boundary.

The Proposed Project is located within a disturbed, urbanized environment in Long Beach. The campus vegetation is limited to ornamental landscaping, and it is anticipated that no candidate, sensitive, or special status species are anticipated to exist on or around the elementary school. The majority of work associated with the Proposed Project would occur in the interior of existing buildings; only minor accessibility upgrades would result in minor ground disturbing activities. Thus, the Proposed Project and will not involve the removal of any vegetation or scenic trees, nor would it impact any scenic vistas within the immediate area.

Therefore, no reasonable possibility exists that the Proposed Project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Therefore, this exception does not apply to this Project.

- (d) **Scenic Highways.** The closest scenic highway to Wilson HS is CA-1, and it is only 2,600 ft away. However, the project is contained within the school sites and would not impact any scenic highway. Therefore, no impact to scenic highways would occur, and this exception does not apply to the Project.

(e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** Due to the time of original construction and campus expansion that has occurred since, it is likely that the campuses contain asbestos-containing materials (ACM)/asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) and lead-based paint (LBP). However, the construction activities would be monitored and comply with federal and state law to prevent exposure to hazardous material and reduce potential impacts during construction and operation to a level below significant. The Proposed Project sites are not on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65862.5 (SWRCB 2022; DTSC 2022); therefore, implementation of the Proposed Project would not result in an impact associated with known hazardous materials sites. This exception does not apply to the Notice of Exemption.

(f) **Historical Resources.** As part of the District-Wide Historical Resources Assessment, PCR services recommended that four of the five school sites are either eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) (LBUSD 2017).

The Project is considered to be a Minor Renovation as defined in the District-Wide Historical Resources Assessment. The District-Wide Historical Resources Assessment stipulates that “Compliance Activity A: Review Scopes of Work” be completed in the event of a Minor Renovation at a historic-period school. Under Compliance Activity A, scopes of work must be reviewed for potential impacts on character-defining features, materials, form and/or spaces of a historical resource (PCR 2017). Kleinfelder prepared a technical memorandum for each of the four historic school sites in conformity with Compliance Activity A as required by the District-Wide Historical Resources Assessment.

According to the technical memorandums prepared by Kleinfelder, it does not appear that the Project will result in the significant modification or destruction of the character-defining features of the school sites. The installation of the security camera will constitute a minor visual change that will not detract from the historic character of the schools. Therefore, based on the current Project description, the Project will not result in a substantial adverse change that would impair the historic significance of the school sites. Kleinfelder did not recommend completing Compliance Activity B and Compliance Activity C, as defined in the District-Wide Historical Resources Assessment.

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Attachment B

Cabrillo High School



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Poly High School



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Millikan High School



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Lakewood High School



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Wilson High School

