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Dean C. Logan, Registrar - Recorder/County Clerk

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THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED**ON** November 22 2024**UNTIL** December 23 2024**REGISTRAR - RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK****NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

To: County of Los Angeles
County Clerk
Environmental Filings
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1201
Norwalk, California 90650

From: County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
Land Management Section
1000 South Fremont Avenue Unit #40
A-9 West, Third Floor
Alhambra, California 91803

Project Title: Virginia Robinson Gardens
Roadway and Parking Renovation Project

Project Location - Specific: 1008 Elden Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Project Location - City: City of Beverly Hills

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project is located at Virginia Robinson Gardens (Robinson Gardens), a 6.15-acre historic residence and botanic garden located at 1008 Elden Way in the City of Beverly Hills. The Robinson Gardens were originally built for Harry and Virginia Robinson in 1911, and Virginia Robinson deeded the property to the County of Los Angeles in 1974 for public enjoyment as an arboretum garden. The gardens surrounding the buildings contain an exotic range of plants and house one of the largest King Palm collections in the United States.

Robinson Gardens is on a hilltop surrounded by a residential community with public access served by a narrow single driveway. Over the past several years, storm events have significantly damaged roadways, parking areas, and a retaining wall. This infrastructure must be repaired to prevent more significant and costly damage. A 2023 feasibility study determined that a renovation was required to maintain safe public access.

The proposed project will renovate portions of the existing asphalt paved roadway and parking lot; replace an existing retaining wall; enhance existing drainage; and remodel related amenities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- ☒ Categorical Section 15301
Class 1 (d)
- ☒ Categorical Section 15302
Class 2 (c)
- ☒ Categorical Section 15331
Class 31

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- ☒ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 1 (c)
- ☒ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 2 (e)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1(d) for restoration and rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.

The project is also consistent with Section 15302 Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the replaced structure and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (c) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The proposed project is also consistent with Section 15331, Class 31 which provides for maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

The project is consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is consistent with Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (c) for restoration and repair of buildings, structures, and equipment.

The project is also consistent with Class 2, which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the replaced structure and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (e) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 1, 2 & 31 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 1, 2 & 31 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 1, 2 & 31 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

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The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 1, 2 & 31 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 1, 2 & 31 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jui Ing Chien **(Area Code) Telephone/Ext.** (626) 588-5317

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

Chien, Jui Ing
Signature, Jui Ing Chien

11/22/2024
Date

Park Planner
Title

Dean C. Logan
Los Angeles County Registrar / Recorder
12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA
(800)201-8999

BUSINESS FILINGS REGISTRATION

NORWALK DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTER

Cashier: T. MORILLO



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COUNTY OF LA - PARKS & RECREATION...

Item(s)

Fee	Qty	Total
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NoE - County Posting Fee	1	\$75.00
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Total		\$75.00
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Total Documents:	1	
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Customer payment(s):

Billing		\$75.00
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