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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA

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

Project Title: Henry Elementary School HVAC Project

Project Applicant: Long Beach Unified School District

Project Location - Specific: Patrick Henry Elementary School 3720 Canehill Ave, Long Beach, CA 90808

Please see Attachment A for project location.

Project Location - City: Long Beach Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: HVAC installation in all classrooms, offices and support spaces (including Auditorium, Cafeteria and Kitchen) located in permanent buildings on site, Accessibility upgrades to path of travel, parking, Drop off area restrooms and drinking fountain per current building code, Utility systems upgrades (e.g. electrical, low voltage, water, sewer, etc.) as required to support HVAC installation, New projectors, projector screens and markerboards in classrooms, New projectors, project screens in library and auditorium, Removal and replacement of interior lighting, Upgrades to building finishes (e.g. new ceilings, flooring, painting), New tactile signage required throughout the campus for rooms and exits. The entire campus will undergo building/room re-numbering per current District standards, Window, glazing and/or door replacement as required, Patch and repair of roofing for new HVAC units, Fire Alarm Upgrades and signage, Campus-wide Fire Alarm upgrades, Seismic upgrades, if required, per DSA IR EB-4, Health department and city, new shade structures.

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. 2 1080(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; Class 14:15314
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The Proposed Project consists of minor alterations, repair, replacement, and upgrades to existing school facilities, including installation of HVAC systems in permanent buildings, accessibility and utility improvements, hardware and finish upgrades, roofing and door replacement, campus-wide fire alarm and seismic safety improvements, and related signage and numbering updates, as well as other health, safety, and code compliance measures consistent with the District's Facility Master Plan. All work would occur within the existing developed campus and would not expand capacity or change the use of the site. Refer to Attachment A for further reasons of the applicability of Class 1 and 14 Exemptions.

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: 12.1.25 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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Notice of Exemption (NOE)
Henry ES

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Project Location

Henry ES is located at 3720 Canehill Ave, Long Beach, CA 90808. The school campus is located within the neighborhood that is north of Interstate 405. The school site is bounded by E Harco Street to the north, Canehill Avenue to the west, E Conant Street to the south, and Conquista Avenue to the east.

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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 §15301) and Class 14 Minor Additions to Schools (CEQA Guidelines §15314. Class 1 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 of existing or former use. Class 14 consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

The Proposed Project will result in campus improvements, which will not involve an increase in student capacity, and will include minor additions to existing school campuses. 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 and Class 14 categorical exemptions are appropriate for the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project does not have the potential to trigger any of the exceptions identified CEQA Guidelines §15300.2. Consequently, as documented below, the Proposed Project is exempt from further CEQA review.

(a) **Location.** The Project site has not been designated as a biologically sensitive site or a location and does not contain sensitive resources or habitat that will be impacted by the Project. The Project will occur on an existing campus that is located within an urban setting

(b) **Cumulative Impact.** The Project will not be expected to result in significant cumulative environmental impacts. There are no known successive projects of the same type or scale planned for the site.

(c) **Significant Effect**. All aspects of this project are considered routine and will occur within school grounds. Also, 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 proposed project will not involve the removal of any vegetation or scenic trees, nor would it impact any scenic vistas in the immediate area. No reasonable possibility exists that the Proposed Project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. This exception does not apply to this Project.

(d) **Scenic Highways**. California State Route 1 is below Henry ES. While it is designated a historic highway, the historic section is over three miles from Henry ES (Caltrans 2022).

(e) **Hazardous Waste Sites**. The Project will occur on an existing school campus, which is not on any list of hazardous waste sites. Therefore, the Project will not have an impact related to being located on a hazardous waste site.

(f) **Historical Resources**. As part of the District-Wide Cultural Resources Assessment, PCR services recommended that Henry ES is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) (LBUSD 2025). Therefore, this exception does not apply to the Notice of Exemption.

References:

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). 2022. California Scenic Highway Mapping System. Online URL: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and- community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways

State Water Resources Control Board. 2022. GeoTracker Database. Online URL: https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov

Department of Toxic Substances Control. 2022. EnviroStor Database. Online URL: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/

Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD). 2025. DISTRICT-WIDE CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT UPDATE FOR LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Attachment B

Project Area

NOE Attachment B

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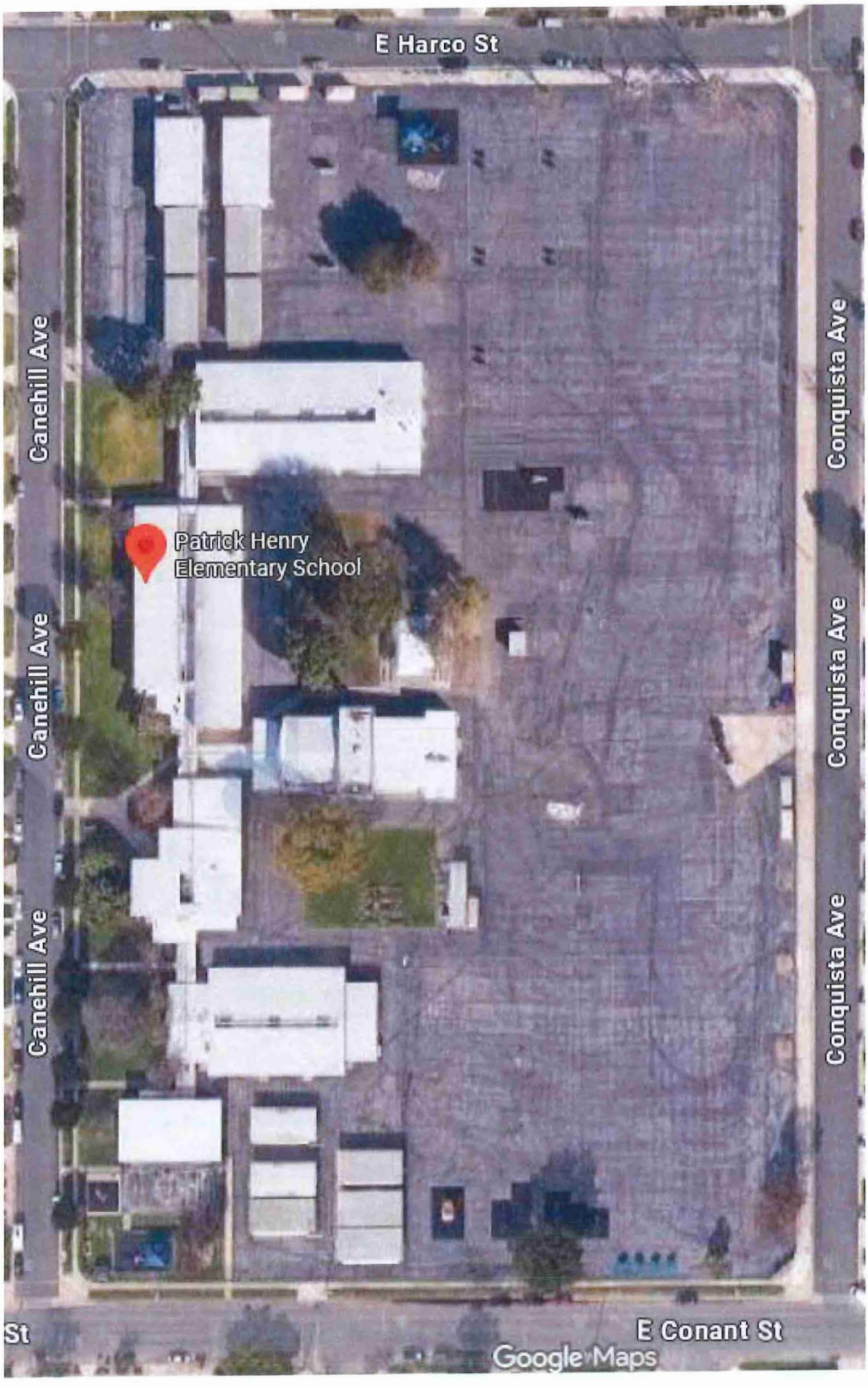
Henry Elementary School Overview