

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

APPENDIX E

To: Los Angeles County Registrar
-Recorder/County Clerk
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From (Public Agency):

City of Hawthorne
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

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Dean C. Logan, Registrar - Recorder/County Clerk

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Project Title:	Water Tower Park Project		
Project Location - Specific:	4623 Michu Lane, Hawthorne, CA 90250		
Project Location - City:	City of Hawthorne		
Project Location - County:	County of Los Angeles		
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:			
Nature:	The Project is a public neighborhood park.		
Purpose:	To provide new public recreational space within the existing urban fabric, the Project proposes to remove existing onsite improvements and in their place construct a small park (e.g., a "mini" or "pocket" park) that would serve the immediate neighborhood within walking distance (approximately 0.25-mile radius). The proposed park would include accessibility improvements, with pedestrian access provided by a sidewalk that would meander around the park's southern and eastern frontages along Ramona Avenue. The proposed park would also include various amenities such as landscaping and trees, benches, seating areas, two small children's play apparatus ("tot lot") and a playground area, shaded picnic area, multi-sport concrete court, two fitness stations, and restrooms. The Project does not propose any onsite parking.		
Beneficiaries:	Upon completion, the Project would meet the surrounding community's need for public recreational space, as mentioned in the Hawthorne General Plan Open Space Element. Specifically, the addition of a small public park would increase the City's open space.		
Name of Public Agency Approving Project:	City of Hawthorne		
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:	City of Hawthorne		
Exempt Status (check one):	Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute and Guidelines		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); §15268);		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); §152269(a));		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); §15269(b)(c));		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption (CE). Type and Section:	Class 15: §15315, Minor Land Divisions Class 32: §15332, Infill Development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. Code Number:		
Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:			
<p>The proposed Project has been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, is found to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to §15315 (Class 15) because it consists of a division of property that meets all of the following conditions: it is in an urbanized area as defined by Public Resources Code §21071; it is zoned for industrial use (i.e., M-1 Limited Industrial Classification); it proposes to subdivide the property into three parcels, which is four or fewer parcels; it is in conformance with the City's General Plan and Zoning; it would meet all applicable M-1 zone standards, thus, no variances or exceptions would be required; all services and access would be available to the proposed park to local standards; the parcel was not involved in the division of a larger parcel within the previous two years; and with a relatively flat topography, the parcel does not have a slope greater than 20 percent.</p> <p>The proposed Project has been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, is found to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to §15332 (Class 32) because it meets all of the following conditions: it is consistent with the General Plan's Public Facilities designation and policies, and M-1 zone regulations; it would occur within City limits on a 0.5-acre Project site (i.e., which is less than 5.0 acres) and is substantially surrounded by urban uses; it would occur on a Project site that is fully improved and has no habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species; it's approval would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and it would occur on a Project site that would be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.</p> <p>Finally, pursuant to §15300.2: Exceptions, the proposed Project does not meet any of the exceptions that would bar a CE.</p>			
Lead Agency		Telephone	
Contact Person: Akbar Farokhi		& Extension: 310-349-2983	
If Filed by Applicant:			
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Signature:	Title: Director of Public Works	Date: December 11, 2025	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed by Lead Agency		Date received for filing at OPR:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed by Applicant		THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED	

ON December 12 2025

UNTIL January 12 2026

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