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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: Teen Our SPOT and Well-Being Projects at Loma Alta Park, Pamela County Park, Stephen Sorensen Park, and Jackie Robinson Park

Project Location - Specific:

Loma Alta Park
3330 North Lincoln Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001
(Unincorporated Altadena)

Pamela County Park
2236 Goodall Avenue, Duarte, CA 91010
(Unincorporated Duarte)

Stephen Sorensen Park
16801 East Avenue P, Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591
(Unincorporated Lake Los Angeles)

Jackie Robinson Park
8773 East Avenue R, Littlerock CA 93543
(Unincorporated Sun Village)

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Communities of Altadena, Duarte, Lake Los Angeles and Sun Village

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

In 2024, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) approached LA County Parks to collaborate on an ambitious two-year, $15 million Countywide program to create public spaces that promote social interactions and inspire community well-being in County parks. LA County Parks and DMH selected 14 parks based on several factors including existing year-round Our SPOT Teen Centers, park need based on the Countywide Park Needs Assessment, Office of Violence Prevention high violence scores, DMH equity data, and Los Angeles County Equity Explorer Index data.

LA County Parks and DMH partnered on a robust, multi-phase, year-long community engagement process at each selected park to inform the development of design elements to promote well-being. LA County Parks and their design team conducted onsite interviews with Our SPOT teens as well as popup engagements with seniors and park visitors to define each park's project scope while creating a shared, program wide design vision. Subsequently, LA County Parks presented the resulting Our SPOT and wellbeing space designs for each park to DMH, Our SPOT teens, and local community members, leading to further design enhancements. The final designs emphasize accessibility, landscaping, seating, safety, shade and effective use of color.

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Each park's scope of work will include renovation of an existing outdoor open space as a new wellbeing space, including accessibility upgrades; trees and landscaping with irrigation; lighting and shade; seating elements including benches designated in an "Open to Chat" style to encourage conversation; informational signage; and, related improvements. Each park will also include the renovation of an existing unprogrammed area into an outdoor Our SPOT space that includes paving, landscaping, shade, lighting, security fencing, seating, and related improvements. While the thematic design elements and enhancements are similar program wide, each Well-being and Our SPOT space varies in design, shape, and size to reflect community input. The difference in project budgets at each park reflect these variances, including diverse site conditions and utility infrastructure needs.

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 (h)
- ☑ Categorical Section 15303
  Class 3 (d)(e)
- ☑ Categorical Section 15304
  Class 4 (b)
- ☑ Categorical Section 15331
  Class 31

- ☑ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
  Class 1 (c)
- ☑ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
  Class 3 (a)(b)
- ☑ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
  Class 4 (c)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed projects are consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The projects are 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(h) for the restoration and rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.

The projects are also consistent with Section 15303, Class 3, which provides for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes, but is not limited to, Class 3(d) for utility extensions, and 3(e) for new accessory structures.

The projects are consistent with Section 15304, Class 4, which provides for minor alterations to land. This includes, but is not limited to, Class 4(b) for new landscaping, and will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees.

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The projects are 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 projects are also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The projects are 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 the restoration and repair of buildings, structures, and equipment.

The projects are consistent with Class 3, which provides for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes, but is not limited to, Class 3(a) for utility extensions, and Class 3(b) for accessory structures.

The projects are consistent with Class 4, which provides for minor alterations to land. This includes, but is not limited to, Class 4(c) for new landscaping, and will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees.

The proposed use of Classes 1, 3, 4 and 31 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2(a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the project would not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed project and determined that the cumulative impact would not result in significant effects on the environment that would constitute an exception to the use of Classes 1, 3, 4 and 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 project and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment, constituting an exception to the use of Classes 1, 3, 4 and 31 Categorical Exemptions, as described in Section 15300.2(c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The project 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 the use of Classes 1, 3, 4 and 31 Categorical Exemptions, as described in Section 15300.2(d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084(c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The project does 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 does not constitute an exception to the use of Classes 1, 3, 4 and 31 Categorical Exemptions, as described in Section 15300.2(e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084(d) of the CEQA Statutes.

The project 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 does not constitute an exception to the use of Classes 1, 3, 4 and 31 Categorical Exemptions, as described in Section 15300.2(f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

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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	01/16/2026	**Park Planner**
Signature, Jui Ing Chien	*Date*	*Title*

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THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED

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NTIL February 17 2026

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State of California—Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT Number:
19 — 01/16/2026 — 202601160530001

STATE CLEARING HOUSE # *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES/DEPT OF PARKS AND RECREATION		01/16/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
LA	2026012212

PROJECT TITLE

TEEN OUR SPOT AND WELL-BEING PROJECTS AT LOMA ALTA PARK PAMELA COUNTY PARK, STEPHEN SORENSEN PARK, AND JACKIE ROBINSON PARK

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
JUI CHIEN		(626)588-5317

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1000 S. FREMONT AVE #40 A-9 WEST THIRD FLOOR	ALHAMBRA	CA	91803

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box):*

☑ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,227.50	$ 0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$ 0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$ 0.00
☑ Exempt from fee		
☑ Notice of Exemption (attach)		
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$ 0.00
☑ County documentary handling fee		$ 25.00
☐ Other		$ 0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☑ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 25.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	CARINA CHEN, ITC

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