

# 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 90650

**From:** (Public Agency): City of Santa Monica

1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28

Santa Monica, CA 90401

(Address)

Project Title: Administrative Approval 25ENT-0189

Project Applicant: SMHC 23, LLC

Project Location - Specific:

**1520 7th Street**

Project Location - City: Santa Monica

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

23-story, 256'-7" tall, 242,932 square foot housing project consisting of 124 residential units (119 market rate units, 5 on-site affordable units) and 15 off-site affordable units to be provided at 1238 7th Street in accordance with the Builder's Remedy Settlement Agreement (2023). The project proposes 216 vehicle parking spaces located in three levels of above-grade parking and two levels of subterranean parking.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Monica

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Rachel Kwok

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15268 of the CEQA Guidelines, which state that ministerial approvals are exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Rachel Kwok

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (310) 458-8341

**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: Rachel Kwok Date: 6/1/2026 Title: Environmental Planner

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: \_\_\_\_\_