

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles
12400 East Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): City of Santa Monica
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90405

(Address)

Project Title: License agreement with the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs ("FDFA") and Wa

Project Applicant: City of Santa Monica

Project Location - Specific:

1450 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA

Project Location - City: Santa Monica Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is a license agreement with the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs ("FDFA") and temporary waiver of certain provisions of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to facilitate the FDFA's use of the Camera Obscura building during the 2028 Summer Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Monica

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Monica

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: Sections 15301, 15303, 15304, 15311, 15323
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt under Sections 15301, 15303, 15304, 15311, and 15323 of the CEQA Guidelines. The project event would take place in the existing Camera Obscura building and would not result in any expansion of the use of the building or Palisades Park, and therefore is exempt under Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities). Additionally the event would include the installation of temporary equipment and facilities (such as tents, signage, canopies) and therefore is exempt under Sections 15303 (New Construction of Small Structures) and 15311 (Class 11 Accessory Structures). Additionally, all land would be restored to original conditions post-event; and therefore, the event is exempt pursuant to Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). Furthermore, the event is exempt under Section 15323 (Class 23 Normal Operations of Existing Facilities for Public Gathering) since the event would occur in the existing Camera Obscura which has historically been used for public gathering events.

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: 6/3/26 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: _____