

# 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 ESPN Productions, LLC, for the 2027 Super Bowl

Project Applicant: City of Santa Monica

Project Location - Specific:

Santa Monica Pier and Beach, 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 ESPN Productions, LLC, in connection with the use of the Santa Monica Pier Deck, and portions of the Santa Monica Beach and adjacent parking lots as a temporary interactive broadcast and event space for the 2027 Super Bowl, from January 18 through February 22, 2027;.

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, 15311, and 15323 of the CEQA Guidelines. The project would allow for a temporary event that would take place at the existing Santa Monica Pier, beach, and parking lot. The pier would not result in any expansion of the use of the existing Pier, beach, and lot 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 Pier deck and area, 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: \_\_\_\_\_