

Notice of Exemption

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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-0036

Project Applicant: SMHC 23, LLC/Hankey Capital

Project Location - Specific:

2901 Santa Monica Boulevard

Project Location - City: Santa Monica

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

9-story, 95' tall, 97,234 square feet housing project consisting of 129 residential units (125 market rate units; 13 affordable units: 4 on-site affordable units and 9 off-site affordable units to be provided at 1238 7th Street in accordance with the Builder's Remedy Settlement Agreement (2023), and 130 vehicle parking spaces located in three subterranean levels.

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: 8/17/26 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: _____