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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(PRC Section 21152; CEQA Guidelines Section 15062)

Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21152(b) and CEQA Guidelines § 15062, the notice should be posted with the County Clerk by mailing the form and posting fee payment to the following address: Los Angeles County Clerk/Recorder, Environmental Notices, P.O. Box 1208, Norwalk, CA 90650. Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21167 (d), the posting of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to reliance on an exemption for the project. Failure to file this notice as provided above, results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

PARENT CASE NUMBER(S) / REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS
CPC-2025-3449-CU3-SPPC-DRB-MSP-1A

| LEAD CITY AGENCY | CASE NUMBER |
|---|---|
| **City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)** | ENV-2025-3450-CE |
| PROJECT TITLE | COUNCIL DISTRICT |
| Milken Community School East Campus | CD 5 – Yaroslavsky |

PROJECT LOCATION (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map) ☐ Map attached.
2485, 2791, 2785 North Casiano Road 90077

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: ☒ Additional page(s) attached.
Reuse of an existing 21.7-acre campus and 138,600 square feet of building area for the operation of a Private High School, grades 9-12, with a maximum enrollment of 900 students. No new construction or additional square footage is proposed, interior remodel only. No expansion of use, grading, or tree removals are proposed.

NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER:
**Tarryn Breskal, CFO/COO Milken Community School**

| CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above) | (AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER \| EXT. |
|---|---|
| **Mark Armbruster, Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP** | (310)254-2199 |

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check all boxes and include all exemptions that apply and provide relevant citations.)

STATE CEQA STATUTE & GUIDELINES

☐ STATUTORY EXEMPTION(S)

Public Resources Code Section(s) _____

☒ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION(S) (State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301-15333 / Class 1-Class 33)

CEQA Guideline Section(s) / Class(es) **Secs. 15301 / Class 1, 15303 / Class 3, 15314 / Class 14, 15332 / Class 32**

☐ OTHER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION (E.g., CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) or (b)(4) or Section 15378(b)

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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: ☒ Additional page(s) attached

None of the exceptions to the Categorical Exemption Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies to the proposed project.

(a) Location: Although the project is located within a hillside area and within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone, as analyzed in ZIMAS, the subject site does not contain an officially mapped environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern.

(b) Cumulative Impact: The proposed Project will not result in significant cumulative impacts from successive projects of the same type in the same place.

(c) Significant Effect: The project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Adjacent lots are developed with single-family dwellings and institutional use buildings, and the subject site is of similar size and slope to nearby properties of institutional use. The project site is located in a typical urbanized area of the Bel Air- Beverly Crest Community Plan, and the project would be consistent with the designated zoning and would adhere to all requirements of the LAMC. The project is not unusual for the vicinity of the site, and is similar in scope to other existing institutional uses in the area. Furthermore, there is not a reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The project site is located in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and will comply with the specific requirements for landscaping and brush clearance.

(d) Scenic Highways: The project is not in the vicinity of a state scenic highway and will not damage scenic resources in a state scenic highway.

(e) Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 related to hazardous waste sites.

(f) Historical Resources: Per ZIMAS, SurveyLA, and Historic Places LA, the project site is not identified or eligible as a historical resource. The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The project was found consistent with all applicable General Plan policies after weighing and balancing the competing policies in the General Plan, specifically, those goals, objectives, policies, and programs in the Framework Element, the 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Safety Element 2021, the Plan for a Healthy LA, Mobility Plan 2035, Conservation Element, Air Quality Element, Noise Element, Infrastructure Plan, Cultural and Historical Monuments Plan, Open Space Plan, and the Bel Air- Beverly Crest Community Plan, as those are found at, https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/general-plan-overview. The Project's consistency with the General Plan is supported in the project findings and the entire administrative record on the basis, among other reasons, that the project to provide quality education to the community implements important General Plan policies discussed in the project findings even if it does not implement other general plan policies.

☒ None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project; no unusual circumstance is found.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.
If different from the applicant, the identity of the person undertaking the project.

**CITY STAFF USE ONLY:**

| CITY STAFF NAME AND SIGNATURE | STAFF TITLE |
|---|---|
| Tiffany Corrales *Tiffany Corrales* | Planning Assistant |

ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED
CPC-2025-3449-CU3-SPPC-DRB-MSP-1A; ENV-2025-3450-CE

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# JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION CASE NO. ENV-2025-3450-CE

## 2845, 2791, 2785 North Casiano Road

### Project Description

The Project located at 2845, 2791, 2785 North Casiano Road will be analyzed for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review for the reuse of an existing campus for the operation of a Private High School. The Project is in compliance with the Baseline Hillside Ordinance and requires no further discretionary actions. As a school developed in an area zoned for such use, this Project qualifies for the Class 15301, 15303, 15314, and 15332 Categorical Exemptions.

The proposed project is for the reuse of an existing university campus facility (American Jewish University) for the operation of a Private High School (Milken Community School) with a maximum student enrollment of 900 students grades 9 through 12. No new construction, exterior renovations, or additional square footage is proposed. Proposed interior-only renovations propose the reconfiguration of existing square footage, an increase in the classroom count from 25 classrooms to a total of 40 classrooms. Proposed hours of operation are weekdays Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for regular school hours and from 3:30 until 6:30 p.m. for after-school extracurricular activities, including sports. A limited number of faculty and students will have access to the campus on Saturdays and Sundays for extracurricular activities during both the regular school year and summer school and summer day camp sessions. Summer school and summer day camp hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will be a maximum of six special events per school year which will last until 10:00 p.m. in the evening.

The site is in the Inner and Outer Corridors of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan, and is upslope and Visible from the Mulholland Drive right-of-way. The project does not propose any tree removals or grading.

**CEQA Section 15300.2: Exceptions to the Use of Categorical Exemptions.**

The City has considered whether the Proposed Project is subject to any of the six (6) exceptions that would prohibit the use of a categorical exemption as set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The six (6) exceptions to this Exemption are: (a) Location; (b) Cumulative Impacts; (c) Unusual circumstances; (d) Scenic Highways; (e) Hazardous Waste Sites; and (f) Historical Resources.

**Location.** *Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located– a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

The subject site is located 3.9 Kilometers from the Hollywood Fault, in a Hillside Area, is identified as a, Urban Agricultural Incentive Zone, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, and BOE Special Grading Area; however, specific Regulatory Compliance Measures (RCMs) in the City of Los Angeles regulate the grading and construction of projects in these particular types of "sensitive" locations and will reduce any potential impacts to less than significant. Specifically, the following RCMs would apply:

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-1 (Seismic):** The design and construction of the project shall conform to the California Building Code seismic standards as approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-2 (Hillside Grading Area):** The grading plan shall conform with the City's Landform Grading Manual guidelines, subject to approval by the Advisory Agency and the Department of Building and Safety's Grading Division. Appropriate erosion control and drainage devices shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Building and Safety Department. These measures include interceptor terraces, berms, vee-channels, and inlet and outlet structures, as specified by Section 91.7013 of the Building Code, including planting fast-growing annual and perennial grasses in areas where construction is not immediately planned.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-3 (Landslide Area):** Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits, the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report, prepared by a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist, to the Department of Building and Safety, for review and approval. The geotechnical report shall assess potential consequences of any landslide and soil displacement, estimation of settlement, lateral movement or reduction in foundation soil-bearing capacity and discuss mitigation measures that may include building design consideration. Building design considerations shall include, but are not limited to:

    - ground stabilization
    - selection of appropriate foundation type and depths
    - selection of appropriate structural systems to accommodate anticipated displacements or any combination of these measures.

  The project shall comply with the conditions contained within the Department of Building and Safety's Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter dated December 13, 2021, for the proposed project, and as it may be subsequently amended or modified.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-4 (Liquefaction Area):** The project shall comply

with the Uniform Building Code Chapter 18. Division1 Section 1804.5 Liquefaction Potential and Soil Strength Loss. Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits, the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report, prepared by a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist, to the Department of Building and Safety, for review and approval. The geotechnical report shall assess potential consequences of any liquefaction and soil strength loss, estimation of settlement, lateral movement or reduction in foundation soil-bearing capacity and discuss mitigation measures that may include building design consideration. Building design considerations shall include, but are not limited to:

- ground stabilization
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- selection of appropriate structural systems to accommodate anticipated displacements or any combination of these measures.

The project shall comply with the conditions contained within the Department of Building and Safety's Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter for the proposed project, and as it may be subsequently amended or modified.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-5 (Subsidence Area):** Prior to the issuance of building or grading permits, the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report prepared by a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist to the written satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety. The geotechnical report shall assess potential consequences of any subsidence and soil strength loss, estimation of settlement, lateral movement or reduction in foundation soil-bearing capacity and discuss mitigation measures that may include building design consideration. Building design considerations shall include but are not limited to ground stabilization, selection of appropriate foundation type and depths, selection of appropriate structural systems to accommodate anticipated displacements or any combination of these measures. The project shall comply with the conditions contained within the Department of Building and Safety's Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter for the proposed project, and as it may be subsequently amended or modified.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-6 (Expansive Soils Area):** Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits, the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report, prepared by a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist, to the Department of Building and Safety, for review and approval. The geotechnical report shall assess potential consequences of any soil expansion and soil strength loss, estimation of settlement, lateral movement or reduction in foundation soil-bearing capacity and discuss mitigation measures that may include building design consideration. Building design considerations shall include but are not limited to ground stabilization, selection of appropriate foundation type and depths, selection of appropriate structural systems to accommodate anticipated displacements or any combination of these measures. The project shall comply with the conditions contained within the Department of Building and Safety's Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter for the proposed project, and as it may be subsequently amended or modified.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-AE-1 (Hillside): Compliance with Baseline Hillside Ordinance**. To ensure consistency with the Baseline Hillside Ordinance, the project shall comply with the City's Hillside Development Guidelines, including but not limited to setback requirements, residential floor area maximums, height limits, lot coverage and grading restrictions.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-AQ-1 (Demolition, Grading and Construction**

**Activities): Compliance with provisions of the SCAQMD District Rule 403.** The project shall comply with all applicable standards of the Southern California Air Quality Management District, including the following provisions of District Rule 403:

- All unpaved demolition and construction areas shall be wetted at least twice daily during excavation and construction, and temporary dust covers shall be used to reduce dust emissions and meet SCAQMD District Rule 403. Wetting could reduce fugitive dust by as much as 50 percent.

- The construction area shall be kept sufficiently dampened to control dust caused by grading and hauling, and at all times provide reasonable control of dust caused by wind.
- All clearing, earth moving, or excavation activities shall be discontinued during periods of high winds (i.e., greater than 15 mph), so as to prevent excessive amounts of dust.

- All dirt/soil loads shall be secured by trimming, watering or other appropriate means to prevent spillage and dust.

- All dirt/soil materials transported off-site shall be either sufficiently watered or securely covered to prevent excessive amounts of dust.

- General contractors shall maintain and operate construction equipment so as to minimize exhaust emissions.

- Trucks having no current hauling activity shall not idle but be turned off.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-NOI-1 (Noise Ordinance):** The project shall conform with the City's noise regulations that have taken effect pursuant to Ordinance 144,331 et sequentia. These measures include but are not limited to LAMC Section 41.40 for Construction Noise, LAMC Section 113.01 for Rubbish and Garbage Collection, LAMC Section 114.0 for Vehicle loading or unloading (Deliveries), LAMC Section 112.01(c) for Noise Emitting.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-WQ-1: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit**. Prior to issuance of a grading permit, the Applicant shall obtain coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System No. CAS000002) (Construction General Permit) for Phase 1 of the proposed Modified Project. The Applicant shall provide the Waste Discharge Identification Number to the City of Los Angeles to demonstrate proof of coverage under the Construction General Permit. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan shall be prepared and implemented for the proposed Modified Project in compliance with the requirements of the Construction General Permit. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan shall identify construction Best Management Practices to be implemented to ensure that the potential for soil erosion and sedimentation is minimized and to control the discharge of pollutants in stormwater runoff as a result of construction activities.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-WQ-2: Dewatering**. If required, any dewatering activities during construction shall comply with the requirements of the Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (Order

No. R4-2008-0032, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System No. CAG994004) or subsequent permit. This will include submission of a Notice of Intent for coverage under the permit to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board at least 45 days prior to the start of dewatering and compliance with all applicable provisions in the permit, including water sampling, analysis, and reporting of dewatering-related discharges.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-WQ-3: Low Impact Development Plan**. Prior to issuance of grading permits, the Applicant shall submit a Low Impact Development Plan and/or Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan to the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division for review and approval. The Low Impact Development Plan and/or Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan shall be prepared consistent with the requirements of the Development Best Management Practices Handbook.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-WQ-4: Development Best Management Practices**. The Best Management Practices shall be designed to retain or treat the runoff from a storm event producing 0.75 inch of rainfall in a 24-hour period, in accordance with the Development Best Management Practices Handbook Part B Planning Activities. A signed certificate from a licensed civil engineer or licensed architect confirming that the proposed Best Management Practices meet this numerical threshold standard shall be provided.

These RCMs have been historically proven to work to the satisfaction of the City Engineer to reduce any impacts from the specific environment in which the Project is located. In addition, all haul routes applications require the submittal of a Geology and Soils Report to the Department of Building and Safety (DBS). In addition, roof and site drainage as well as sewer availability must comply with Bureau of Engineering and Bureau of Sanitation standards; and hydrants, Fire Department Access, and Fire Safety must be reviewed and approved by the Los Angeles Fire Department before permits can be issued. Furthermore, the project must comply with the Baseline Hill Ordinance No. 181, 624 adopted after May 9, 2011, Modifications to Single-Family Zones and Single-Family Zone Hillside Area Regulations ZI-2462 effective March 17, 2017 and State Enterprise Zone ZI-2374. Thus, in conjunction with the above RCMs and compliance with other applicable regulations, the location of the Project's will not result in a significant impact based on its location.

**Cumulative Impacts.** *All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*

The project does not propose any grading, therefore, in conjunction with citywide RCMs and compliance with other applicable regulations, no foreseeable cumulative impacts are expected.

**Unusual Circumstances.** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*

Adjacent lots are developed with single-family dwellings to the south and institutional uses to the east and west, across the San Diego Freeway, and the subject site is of a similar size and slope to nearby institutional properties. The project does not propose the removal of any trees. Thus, there are no unusual circumstances which may lead to a significant effect on the environment, and this exception does not apply.

The Project proposes to use and maintain an existing school campus in an area zoned and

designated for such development. Adjacent lots to the south are developed with single-family dwellings and to the east and west, across the San Diego Freeway, are developed with institutional uses, and the Subject Site is of a similar size and slope to nearby institutional properties. This type of project is not unusual for the vicinity of the Subject Site and is similar in scope to other existing institutional uses in the area. Thus, there are no unusual circumstances which may lead to a significant effect on the environment, and this exception does not apply.

**Scenic Highways.** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.*

The only State Scenic Highway within the City of Los Angeles is the Topanga Canyon State Scenic Highway, State Route 27, which travels through a portion of Topanga State Park. The project is approximately 8 miles east of State Route 27. Therefore, the project will not result in damage to any scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway, and this exception does not apply.

**Hazardous Waste.** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list complied pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.*

According to Envirostor, the State of California's database of Hazardous Waste Sites, neither the subject site, nor any site in the vicinity, is identified as a hazardous waste site. Furthermore, the building permit history for the Project Site does not indicate the Site may be hazardous or otherwise contaminated and this exception does not apply.

**Historic Resources.** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.*

The Project Site has not been identified as a historic resource by local or state agencies, and the project site has not been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources, the Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments Register, and/or any local register; and was not found to be a potential historic resource based on the City's HistoricPlacesLA website or SurveyLA, the citywide survey of Los Angeles. Finally, the City does not choose to treat the Site as a historic resource. Based on this, the project will not result in a substantial adverse change to the significance of a historic resource and this exception does not apply.

**CEQA Determination – Class 1 Categorical Exemption Applies**

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The project qualifies for Class 1 Categorical Exemption because it is for the use and maintenance of an existing school and interior renovations, but no new construction or exterior improvements.

**CEQA Determination – Class 3 Categorical Exemption Applies**

Class 3 consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in

the exterior of the structure. The proposed project qualifies for Class 3 Categorical Exemption because it involves the reuse of existing university buildings for a proposed high school use with no additional square footage and no exterior modifications.

**CEQA Determination – Class 14 Categorical Exemption Applies**

Class 14 consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase the original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The project qualifies for Class 14 Categorical Exemption because the proposed maximum student enrollment of 900 students is less than the originally approved 1,400 students.

**CEQA Determination – Class 32 Categorical Exemption Applies**

A project qualifies for Class 32 Categorical Exemption if it is developed on an infill site and meets the conditions as follows: (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations; (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; (c) The project site has no value as a habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and
(e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

*(a) The project is consistent with applicable general plan designation, applicable policies, and applicable zoning designations.*

The site is located at 2485, 2791, 2785 North Casiano Road and is currently improved with an existing university campus. The site is zoned RE15-1-H-HCR and RE40-1-H-HCR and has a General Plan Land Use Designation of Very Low II and Minimum Residential. The proposed project is in conformance with the applicable Bel Air- Beverly Crest Community Plan designation and policies and all applicable zoning designations and regulations. The proposed Private High School is a permitted use in the Institutional Corridor of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan.

*(b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.*

The subject site is surrounded by urban uses, including single-family residential dwelling units, an educational institution, and the San Diego Freeway (state highway 405). The proposed scope of work, which includes the footprints of the Academic and Administrative Building (60,000 square feet) and Student Union building (13,600 square feet), total 67,620 square feet, which is approximately 1.55 acres. Therefore, the footprint of the project scope is less than 5 acres.

(c) *The project has no value as habitat for endangered species, rare, or threatened species.*

As stated in the September 22, 2025 Biological Analysis, prepared by Zachary Neider, a biologist and certified arborist from Glenn Lukos Associates, the project possesses no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species, and as a result is consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Class 32, Categorical Exemption.

*(d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality*

As previously mentioned, the projects will be subject to Regulatory Compliance Measures

(RCMs). These require compliance with the City of Los Angeles: Noise Ordinance; National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit; Dewatering; Low Impact Development Plan; Stormwater Mitigations; and Best Management Practices for stormwater runoff. These RCMs will reduce any potential impacts on noise and water to less than significant. Furthermore, the projects do not exceed the threshold criteria established by LADOT for preparing a traffic study. Interim thresholds were developed by DCP staff based on CalEEMod model runs relying on reasonable assumptions, consulting with AQMD staff, and surveying published air quality studies for which criteria air pollutants did not exceed the established SCAQMD construction and operational thresholds.

As stated in the March 17, 2026 Transportation Analysis, prepared by Sarah M. Drobois, P.E., Emily Wong, P.E., and Rebecca Avanesia from Gibson Transportation Consulting, Inc., the project would not generate any VMT, design hazards, or emergency access impacts. In addition to this less-than-significant VMT impact, the proposed school will implement measures to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicle trips to the East Campus, including a carpool program, a bus program, and a shuttle program. It is also stated that the project is not anticipated to result in any operational deficiencies on the adjacent transportation system. Therefore, the project would be exempt from further CEQA analysis. Furthermore, the project was submitted to the Department of Transportation for a Transportation Study Assessment, in which it was found that the net increase of daily vehicle trips would not trigger further transportation analysis.

As stated in the November 2025 Noise Technical Report, prepared by Acoustical Engineering Services, Inc., the on-site stationary sources noise impacts, off-site roadway traffic noise impacts, and composite noise level impacts would be less than significant and, therefore, no mitigation measure is required.

As stated in the November 2025 Air Quality Technical Report, prepared by Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc., the proposed project is consistent with the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMD) and the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and would not impair the region's ability to achieve the South Coast AQMD Governing Board's (SCAQMD) goals for attainment of air quality standards. The proposed project would not result in any cumulatively considerable impacts for criteria pollutants for which the project legion in non-attainment. The maximum daily on-site emissions from operation of the proposed project are below the SCAQMD Localized Significance Threshold (LST) and therefore the project is not expected to expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. Furthermore, the proposed project does include any uses identified by the SCAQMD as being associated with odors, and thus the proposed project would not result in odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people.

As stated in the November 19, 2025 Hydrology and Water Resources Technical Report, prepared by KPFF Consulting Engineers, no significant impacts have been identified for surface water hydrology, surface water quality, groundwater hydrology or groundwater quality for this project.

As detailed above, the project would not result in any significant effects to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

*(e) The proposed project has been reviewed by City staff and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.*

As stated in the Utility Infrastructure Technical Report: Water and Wastewater prepared on

November 13, 2025 by KPFF Consulting Engineers, LADWP would be able to supply the water demands of the proposed project as well as support for future growth. Therefore, the cumulative impacts on water supply would be less than significant. Additionally, the Fire Protection Report, prepared by KPFF Consulting Engineers on November 13, 2025, the project site has adequate fire flow available to demonstrate compliance with LAMC Section 57.507.3.1.

As detailed above, the proposed project meets all the above conditions, and therefore qualifies for Class 32 Categorical Exemption.

Furthermore, the project is not exempt from the use of a categorical exemption due to location, cumulative impact of similar projects, or unusual circumstances. The project is not located on a state designated scenic highway or hazardous waste site. The project is not the site of a historic resource. Therefore, as set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, there are no exceptions that would prohibit the use of any categorical exemption.