

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: March 14, 2019

To: Edmond Yew, P.E., Manager
Land Development and GIS Division
Attn: Thein Crocker, Project Manager

From:  Maria Martin, Environmental Affairs Officer,
Environmental Management Group

Subject: **Sherman Circle (Northeasterly Side) from Gault Street to Approximately 445-feet Northeasterly thereof - Vacation (W.O. E1401332)**

Following your request for environmental documentation, we have determined that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to City CEQA Guidelines Class 5, Category 3. Class 5 exemptions consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with less than a 20% slope, which do not result in any changes in land use or density.

The project involves a minor street, alley and utility easement vacation where the vacated property does not constitute a buildable site that would allow a commercial or industrial development of more than 10,000 square feet or a residential development of more than 25 units. The attached Notice of Exemption serves as your record that CEQA review has been completed and it should be retained in the official project file.

This determination is based on the information submitted to us by your office and on our subsequent investigation. Please review the enclosed notice carefully. If the notice incompletely or inaccurately describes the project, the City could be vulnerable to legal challenges. If you think there may be inconsistencies, or if the project description changes, please contact this office for a re-evaluation of the project's exempt status.

The Notice of Exemption may be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk after the project is approved or a determination is made to carry out the project. Filing with the County Clerk is not usually required but has the advantage of limiting legal challenges to a 35-day period. Without the filing, legal challenges can be filed up to 180 days following commencement of the project. The filing is subject to a \$75 filing fee, which your office will be expected to provide. If you want EMG to file the notice with the County Clerk, please let us know immediately after the project is approved or a determination is made to carry out the project. Project approval can occur in any of several actions, such as authorization to: proceed beyond the pre-design stage, acquire rights of way, expend funds for construction, or advertise for construction bids.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, please contact Chris Adams of my staff at (213) 485-5910 or Christopher.adams@lacity.org

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