

**EXHIBIT D:**  
**Environmental Clearance**

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

(PRC Section 21152; CEQA Guidelines Section 15062)

Filing of this form is optional. If filed, the form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15062. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 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-2021-1255-CA

LEAD CITY AGENCY <b>City of Los Angeles</b>	CASE NUMBER ENV-2021-1256-CE
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PROJECT TITLE - Flood Hazard Management Specific Plan Update	COUNCIL DISTRICT ALL
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PROJECT LOCATION (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map) CITYWIDE	<input type="checkbox"/> Map attached.
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:  Additional page(s) attached.  
 The project is proposing an update to the Flood Hazard Management Specific Plan in order to conform to federal regulations and maps relating to the National Flood Insurance Program, amending Ordinance No. 172,081. Refer to Council Files 83-1373-S1, 98-1023, 01-0722, and 05-0332.

NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER:  
City of Los Angeles

CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above) Gabriela Juarez	(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER (213) 978-1199	EXT.
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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) 21080(b)(1)
- CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION(S) (State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301-15333 / Class 1-Class 33)  
CEQA Guideline Section(s) / Class(es) 15308
- OTHER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION (E.g., CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) or (b)(4) or Section 15378(b) )  
15378(b)(5)

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:   
Additional page(s) attached

**Statutory Exemption Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1):**

*CEQA does not apply to ministerial projects.*

The proposed project is updating the Flood Hazard Management Specific Plan to comply with all stated requirements in the FEMA Community Visit Report, which found the City was in non-compliance with federal regulations. The purpose of the Flood Hazard Management Specific Plan is to mitigate flood hazards and to protect life and property. The Flood Hazard Management Specific Plan incorporates development regulations to protect the environment as well as protecting existing development from potential flood hazards. The

proposed project incorporates minor technical and administrative changes to meet the updated FEMA flood hazard requirements and reflect the current flood hazard areas in the associated maps. The Community Visit Report (CVR) identified over 40 explicit actions to amend the City's Flood Control Specific Plan to bring the Specific Plan into conformity with the federal regulations.

**Not a "project" under CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5):**

A project does not include administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the physical environment. In addition, the proposed project does not authorize any new construction or use, but merely prescribes a process that requires the vetting of environmental, land use, and operational issues in connection with each permit application consistent with federal requirements to allow the City to be part of the National Flood Insurance Program. The amendments to the proposed Flood Hazard Management Specific Plan consist of administrative process regulations and mandated requirements of the federal regulations. Additionally the ordinance will not foreseeably impact the environment because as discussed above the changes to the Specific Plan from the proposed ordinance do not substantively change development standards but incorporate process and procedures and existing standards.

**State CEQA Class 8 Exemption 15308:**

*Class 8 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption.*

The proposed project is updating the Flood Hazard Management Specific Plan in order to conform to federal regulations and maps relating to the National Flood Insurance Program. The purpose of the Flood Hazard Management Specific Plan is to mitigate flood hazards and to protect life and property. The Flood Hazard Management Specific Plan incorporates development regulations to protect the environment as well as protecting existing development from potential flood hazards. The proposed project incorporates minor technical and administrative changes to meet the updated FEMA flood hazard requirements and reflect the current flood hazard areas in the associated maps. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 8 exemption as it adopts regulations that will protect the environment. Lack of adequate flood control measures can result in property destruction and debris when floods occur. Such debris can move harmful contaminants and physical debris into areas where it can cause harm to groundwater, wildlife and plants, sensitive habitats, and to human health. The proposed changes are compliant with the CVR and would not be expected to result in environmental degradation as they control the location and type of development to ensure environmental impacts do not occur in a flood. These standards are identified by FEMA to protect property and the environment from floods in the City. Additionally the ordinance will not foreseeably impact the environment because as discussed above the changes to the Specific Plan from the proposed ordinance do not substantively change development standards but incorporate process and procedures and existing standards.

- None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project.
  - The project is identified in one or more of the list of activities in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines as cited in the justification.
- If different from the applicant, the identity of the person undertaking the project.

**CITY STAFF USE ONLY:**

CITY STAFF NAME AND SIGNATURE Gabriela Juárez, AICP	STAFF TITLE CITY PLANNER
ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED Code Amendment	