

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
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: RAND Development Agreement Amendment & Civic Center Specific Plan Amendment

Project Applicant: The RAND Corporation

Project Location - Specific:
1776 Main Street

Project Location - City: Santa Monica Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Amendment to Development Agreement No. 00-001 and the Civic Center Specific Plan to, among other things, update and broaden the allowable uses within the existing building at 1776 Main Street, remove barriers to leasing and/or transfer of the project site, and provide additional community and project benefits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Monica

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The RAND Corporation

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities, Class 1) CEQA Guidelines
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The allowance for certain commercial uses (business and professional office, creative office, banks and financial institutions, business services, limited life sciences research and development, media production support facilities, and retail/personal services/restaurant uses) for an existing commercial office building is consistent with a Class 1 exemption.

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: [Signature] Date: 7/30/2025 Title: Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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