

**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION  
EXEMPTION OF THE SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS PLAN FROM THE CITY  
OF SANTA MONICA ZONING CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (“District”) developed the Santa Monica High School Campus Plan (“Project”) located at 601 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405, to establish an overall campus layout of all facilities for the future redevelopment and renovation of the campus;

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Project, the District has determined that the Blue Concept Plan would best meet the needs of the campus. The Blue Concept Plan includes the demolition of approximately 302,704 square feet of buildings and development of approximately 341,436 square feet of new buildings and 545,226 square feet of new parking and athletic fields, which would be implemented in nine phases over a 25-year planning horizon;

**WHEREAS**, Phases 1 and 2 would occur concurrently and consist of construction of a new, five-level classroom building, 50-meter pool, Distribution Center and loading dock, and 192 parking spaces; and improvements to utilities;

**WHEREAS**, Phase 3 would consist of demolition of the History Building, Drake Pool Building, South Gym and cafeteria; construction of a new, three-level classroom and Administrative Building, a new, two-level gym and classroom building; and improvements to utilities. Phase 4 would consist of the demolition of the Language Building, construction of a new, four-level classroom building with a semi-subterranean parking structure, and improvements to utilities;

**WHEREAS**, Phase 5 would consist of demolition of the Art Building and Business Building; renovation and expansion of the English Building; construction of a new, two-level building; and improvements to utilities. Phase 6 would consist of demolition of the Administration Building; construction of a new, two-level classroom building; and improvements to utilities;

**WHEREAS**, Phase 7 would consist of reconstruction of the Greek Amphitheater; demolition of the Music Building and North Gym; construction of a new, three-level gym; and improvements to utilities. Phase 8 would consist of demolition and relocation of the athletic fields; construction of a surface parking lot; and improvements to utilities. Phase 9 would consist of the demolition of temporary facilities and construction of a new sports stadium and a semi-subterranean parking structure;

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 53094(b) expressly authorizes the District’s Board to exempt the Project from the City of Santa Monica’s zoning code, General Plan and permit requirements by a two-thirds’ vote of the District’s Board members;

**WHEREAS**, the Project involves educational facilities within the meaning of Government Code section 53094(b);

**WHEREAS**, the District has unique expertise in educational programs and is best suited for designing facilities to serve the District’s schools in Santa Monica;

**WHEREAS**, the California Division of the State Architect reviews and approves the plans and specifications of school facilities and oversees the construction of school facilities, including the Project;

**WHEREAS**, unless exempted from the City of Santa Monica's Article 9 Planning and Zoning, other zoning ordinances, General Plan, and land use or development permitting requirements, the Project would be subject to undue delay, unreasonable requirements, or denial by the City that likely would hamper, interfere with, or jeopardize the viability of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, school facilities are an integral, important part of the education of the District's students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for good and sufficient cause based on the whole of the record of proceedings, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education ("Board") hereby finds the Project to be an educational facility and exempts the Project from the City of Santa Monica's zoning code, zoning ordinances, General Plan, and all permitting conditions and prohibitions that would otherwise apply to the Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Assistant Superintendent is directed to serve notice of this action upon the City of Santa Monica within ten (10) days.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County Board of Education at its meeting held on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

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Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, President  
Board of Education

I, Dr. Ben Drati, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, do certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting held on August 16, 2018.

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Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent  
Santa Monica-Malibu  
Unified School District