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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(California Environmental Quality Act 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). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167 (d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

LEAD CITY AGENCY
City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

COUNCIL DISTRICT
All

PROJECT TITLE
Processes and Procedures Code Amendment; CPC-2016-3182-CA

LOG REFERENCE
ENV-2016-3183-CE

PROJECT LOCATION
Citywide

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
An ordinance amending Chapter 1 and establishing Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to comprehensively reorganize the administrative provisions of the Zoning Code.

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT, IF OTHER THAN LEAD CITY AGENCY:

CONTACT PERSON
Bonnie Kim

AREA CODE
(213)

TELEPHONE NUMBER
978-1330

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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES
MINISTERIAL	Sec. 15268	Art. II, Sec. 2b
DECLARED EMERGENCY	Sec. 15269	Art. II, Sec. 2a (1)
EMERGENCY PROJECT	Sec. 15269 (b) & (c)	Art. II, Sec. 2a (2) & (3)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Sec. 15300 <i>et seq.</i>	Art. III, Sec. 1
Class <u>8</u> (City CEQA Guidelines)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER	(See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 (b) and set forth state and City guideline provision.)	

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: See attached justification narrative.

SIGNATURE  TITLE
City Planning Associate

DATE
9/11/18

NARRATIVE FOR PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES CODE AMENDMENT

Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and/or Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Public Resource Code, the Department of City Planning has determined that the proposed Code amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed Code amendment modifies administrative procedures for the processing of entitlement requests and appeals and has no effect on the physical environment.

Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the proposed Code amendment is not a project under CEQA, because “the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.”

The proposed Code amendment is also not a project under CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) because “organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment” are not considered a project. The proposed Code amendment does not change any discretionary actions into non-discretionary actions. Therefore, the proposed Code amendment will continue to ensure that projects meet all procedural requirements of CEQA, and that impacts are analyzed and environmental mitigations are imposed where necessary and appropriate. Furthermore, the proposed Code amendment does not change the zoning of any properties. The proposed changes are limited to administrative procedures and will not have an effect on the physical environment. Therefore, the proposed Code amendment does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

However, the Code amendment also meets the requirements of the Class 8 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 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. The proposed Code amendment supports the protection of the environment by providing environmental review procedures to guide the administration of CEQA regulations. These administrative provisions include a CEQA appeals process, which provides clarity to the general public as to how appeals of CEQA determinations can be made. Furthermore, the proposed Code amendment prohibits improper segmentation of a project and establishes enforcement measures to correct and address such cases.

Therefore, the Code amendment is not considered a “project” under CEQA. However, should it be a project, it is exempt from CEQA under the Class 8 Categorical Exemption.