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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 Citywide (1-15)
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PROJECT TITLE Site Plan Review Code Amendment	LOG REFERENCE ENV-2017-1241-CE
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PROJECT LOCATION
Citywide

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
 The proposed amendment to the Site Plan Review Ordinance is a minor technical revision to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to better align provisions of this section of the LAMC with changes to state law in recent years, involving revisions to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (SB226, SB743, and SB375) and the dissolution of redevelopment agencies statewide (ABx1 26). The amendment will also bring Site Plan Review time limits into consistency with those applicable to other similar types of cases.

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

CONTACT PERSON CHRISTINE SAPONARA	AREA CODE (213)	TELEPHONE NUMBER 978-1363	EXT. N/A
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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	Sec. 15268	Art. II, Sec. 2b
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Sec. 15269	Art. II, Sec. 2a (1)
<input type="checkbox"/> 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. II, Sec. 2
Class <u> M </u> Category (City CEQA Guidelines)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER	(See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 (b) and set forth state and City guideline provision.)	

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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:


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 (Exhibit A) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed Code amendment modifies administrative procedures, changes appropriations of "Lead Agency" and amends Time to Act for the processing of Site Plan Review appeals and has no effect on the physical environment.

Per 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 per 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 Site Plan Review thresholds. All projects that are currently required to apply for a Site Plan Review will continue to be subject to Site Plan Review procedures. Additionally 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.

Additionally the City's CEQA Guidelines, Article II, Section 2, Class (m) also exempts the proposed Code Amendment as it does not result in impacts on the physical environment.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.

SIGNATURE 		TITLE City Planner	DATE April 21, 2017
FEE: N/A	RECEIPT NO. N/A	REC'D. BY	DATE

DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk, (2) City Clerk, (3) Agency Record
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