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 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

**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 <b>City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning</b>	COUNCIL DISTRICT All
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PROJECT TITLE * Mandatory Soft Story Retrofit Ordinance	LOG REFERENCE ENV-2015-3581-CE
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PROJECT LOCATION  
\* Citywide

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:  
 \* An ordinance amending Division 936 of Article 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require an evaluation of existing commercial and residential buildings of wood-frame construction having two or more stories, except residential buildings with 3 units or less, permitted before January 1, 1980, in which the ground floor portion of the wood frame structure contains parking or other similar open floor space that causes soft, weak or open wall lines, to determine if specific minimum structural requirements have been met and, if not, to require retrofit of structures to those minimum requirements. The ordinance further mandates that required retrofitting be completed within 5 years to the specified standards.

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT, IF OTHER THAN LEAD CITY AGENCY:  
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CONTACT PERSON * Sarah Molina Pearson	AREA CODE * 213	TELEPHONE NUMBER * 473-9983	EXT.
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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 checked="" 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. III, Sec. 1
	Class <u>1</u> Category <u>1</u> (City CEQA Guidelines)	
	Class <u>1</u> Category <u>15301</u> (State CEQA Guidelines)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER	(See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 (b)(4); common sense exemption under Guideline section 15061(b)(3))	

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: Interior or exterior structural retrofit of existing soft-story structures to prevent loss of life and damage to buildings, including minor construction where there will be no expansion of use, in order to mitigate the effects of an emergency such as an impending catastrophic earthquake, is not foreseeable to result in any potential impacts to the 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 <i>Sarah Molina Pearson</i>	TITLE City Planning Associate	DATE October 1, 2015
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FEE:	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D. BY	DATE
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DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk, (2) City Clerk, (3) Agency Record  
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