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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
 OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, ROOM 360  
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**  
**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
 (California Environmental Quality Act Section 15062)

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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.

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY</b> <b>City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning</b>	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b> Four – Ryu
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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b> DIR-2015-2641-DRB-SPP-MSP	<b>LOG REFERENCE</b> ENV-2015-2642-CE
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**PROJECT LOCATION**  
7123 West Macapa Drive

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**  
 A major remodel of an existing, 3,284 square-foot, single-family residence with an attached, 440 square-foot, two-car garage, the demolition of 790 square feet of the existing home, and the construction of a 2,438 square-foot addition. This results in a total structure of 5,458 square feet with a maximum height of approximately 24'-0". The project includes a pool and approximately 1,255 square feet of hardscape, on an approximately 19,591 square-foot lot. The project does not include the removal of any protected trees. The project does not request any grading.

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT, IF OTHER THAN LEAD CITY AGENCY:**  
 R.C. Thorton

<b>CONTACT PERSON</b> David Lopez	<b>AREA CODE</b> 714-720-9427	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>	<b>EXT.</b>
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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. III, Sec. 1
Class <u>3</u> Category <u>1</u> (City CEQA Guidelines)		
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	(See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 (b) and set forth state and City guideline provision.)	

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:** The proposed project includes the construction of a new addition to an existing single-family dwelling. As a single-family home, this project qualifies for a Class 3 Category 1 Categorical Exemption.

There are six (6) exceptions (listed as a-f) to this Exemption which must be considered in order to find a project exempt under Class 3, Category 1, which are as follows: (a) A project which ordinarily may have insignificant impacts may have significant impacts if it is located in a particularly sensitive environment. (b) All exemptions from CEQA are inapplicable if a cumulative impact, significant over time, will occur from successive projects of the same type in the same place. (c) A Categorical Exemption from CEQA cannot be used if there is a reasonable possibility that an activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. (d) A Categorical Exemption from CEQA cannot be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources (such as, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings) within a highway officially designated as a State Scenic Highway. (e) A Categorical Exemption cannot be used on any site included on a list of hazardous waste sites (compiled pursuant to Gov. Code 65962.5). (f) A Categorical Exemption cannot be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The subject site is located within the Hollywood Fault zone, Methane Hazard Site, High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, and Hillside Grading Area, however, specific Regulatory Compliance Measures (RCMs) in the City of Los Angeles regulate the grading and construction of projects in these particular types of sensitive locations and will reduce any potential impacts to less than significant. The project is not located in a landslide area. Although the site is located in an environment with unique soil conditions, no grading is proposed on site. RCMs require that design and construction of the building must conform to the California Building Code seismic standards, must comply with conditions contained within LADBS's Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter, must comply with LADBS Methane design requirements, must comply with Los Angeles Fire Department recommendations prior to building permit approval, and grading on site shall comply with the City's Landform Grading Manual, as approved by the Department of Building and Safety. These RCM's have been historically proven to reduce any impacts from the specific environment the project is located. Thus, exception (a) does not apply.

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The project does not propose grading and does not propose the use of a haul route in conjunction with the proposed project. According to Navigate LA, within 500 feet of the subject site, there are no other haul route applications. Cumulative impacts related to construction noise and transportation/traffic can be assessed by considering the quantity of projects of the same type in the same place. Projects of the same type as the proposed project are limited to the construction of single-family dwellings. As West Macapa Drive is not a through street and has one access point on Mulholland Drive, projects in the same place are limited to projects on Macapa Drive. According to ZIMAS, within the past 5 years, there have been 9 proposed projects on West Macapa Drive. According to the Department of City Planning Planning Case Tracking System (PCTS), 6 of the 9 projects proposed within the past 5 years have been approved by the Department of City Planning. According to the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety Permit Records System, 3 of the 6 approved projects have been issued a Certificate of Occupancy and are not under construction and 3 of the 6 approved projects have applied for building permits and/or are currently under construction. The proposed project located at 7126 West Macapa Drive may create additional impacts related to construction noise and transportation/traffic on Macapa Drive. However, specific Regulatory Compliance Measures (RCMs) in the City of Los Angeles regulate impacts related to construction noise and transportation/traffic. Numerous Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections provide requirements for construction activities and ensure impacts from construction related noise, traffic, and parking are less than significant. The Noise Regulation Ordinance, No. 144,331, provides regulatory compliance measures related to construction noise and maximum noise levels for all activities. LAMC Section 62 provides specific regulatory compliance measures related to construction traffic and parking. Finally, LAMC Section 41 requires construction site postings listing representative contact information and permitted construction/demolition hours as established by the Department of Building and Safety. Additionally, there is insufficient evidence to conclude that significant impacts will occur based on past project approvals and that the proposed project will have adverse impacts on the cumulative impacts of construction noise and transportation/traffic on Macapa Drive. Thus, exception (b) does not apply.

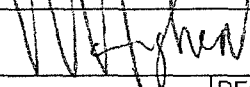
The proposed project is located in an RE15-1-H zone and is designated for such development, nearby lots to the north, south, east, and west are similarly zoned and developed and have similar geological conditions and are located on similarly improved streets. Thus, the exception (c) does not apply.

According to the State of California Scenic Highway Mapping System, the subject site is not designated as a state scenic highway, nor are there any designated state scenic highways located within 1,000 feet of the project site. In addition, there are no scenic resources, such as protected trees, on the site. Thus, exception (d) does not apply.

According to Envirostor, the State of California's database of Hazardous Waste Sites, neither the subject site, nor any site in the vicinity, is identified as a hazardous waste site. Thus, exception (e) does not apply.

The project site is currently occupied by a single-family dwelling that has not been identified as a historic resource by local or state agencies, and the project site has not been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources, the Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments Register, and/or any local register. Within 500 feet of the project site, there are no identified Historic-Cultural Resources according to the City's HistoricPlacesLA website, the City's new online information and management system created to inventory Los Angeles' significant historic resources. Thus, exception (f) does not apply.

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 Planning Assistant		DATE October 28, 2016
FEE: \$81.00	RECEIPT NO. Invoice No. 24727	REC'D. BY B+S Cashier	DATE February 15, 2015	

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IF FILED BY THE APPLICANT:

NAME (PRINTED)

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