

COUNTY CLERK'S USE	<b>CITY OF LOS ANGELES</b> OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, ROOM 360 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT <h2 style="margin: 0;">NOTICE OF EXEMPTION</h2> (California Environmental Quality Act Section 15062)	CITY CLERK'S USE
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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.

LEAD CITY AGENCY <b>City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning</b>	COUNCIL DISTRICT All
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PROJECT TITLE CEQA Appeals Code Amendment; CPC-2018-2657-CA	LOG REFERENCE ENV-2018-2658-CE
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PROJECT LOCATION  
 Citywide

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:  
 A proposed ordinance adding a section to the Zoning Code to codify a process for appealing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearances to the City Council.

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

CONTACT PERSON Azeen Khanmalek	AREA CODE (213)	TELEPHONE NUMBER 978-1336	EXT.
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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: The project is a Code amendment which clarifies provisions in the Zoning Code pertaining to appeals of CEQA clearances made by decision-makers other than the City Council without changing the substance of the regulations. The Code Amendment codifies existing City practice in compliance with California Public Resources Code Section 21155, affirmatively stating that CEQA clearances made by decision makers other than the City Council are directly appealable to the Council. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15378(a), the proposed Code amendment is not considered a "Project" under CEQA because it 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. This is due to the fact that the Code Amendment is not changing any practice or procedure, rather clarifying and codifying existing practice based on State law.

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. This project is initiated by the City Council to provide clarity and guidance to the general public as to how appeals of CEQA determinations can be made.

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.

SIGNATURE	TITLE City Planning Associate	DATE 6/1/18
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