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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(California Environmental Quality Act Section 15062)

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LEAD CITY AGENCY: City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning; COUNCIL DISTRICT: 11 - Bonin

PROJECT TITLE: ENV-2017-4279-CE; LOG REFERENCE: ENV-2017-4279-CE

PROJECT LOCATION: 17642 West Tramonto Drive, Pacific Palisades

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT: The project is for the construction of a new 5,607 square-foot two-story, single-family dwelling with a 3,467 square-foot basement attached garage, swimming pool, spa, decks, retaining walls, two detached accessory buildings and a haul route for approximately 4,000 cubic yards of soils export.

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

CONTACT PERSON: Tony Russo; AREA CODE: 213; TELEPHONE NUMBER: 665-0998; EXT.:

Table with columns for STATE CEQA GUIDELINES and CITY CEQA GUIDELINES. Rows include MINISTERIAL, DECLARED EMERGENCY, EMERGENCY PROJECT, and CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION (highlighted). Includes Class and Category information for City and State CEQA Guidelines.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: Attached

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: [Signature]; TITLE: Planning Assistant; DATE: 4/3/18

FEE: \$2,804.40; RECEIPT NO.: 0104805815; REC'D. BY: Danalynn Dominguez; DATE: 10/24/2017

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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION CASE NO. ENV-2017-4279-CE

On April 3, 2018, the Planning Department determined that the City of Los Angeles Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 and the State CEQA Guidelines designate the subject project as Categorical Exempt under Article 19, Section 15303 (New Construction), Class 3 and Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects), Class 32, Case No. ENV-2017-4279-CE.

A project qualifies for a Class 32 Categorical Exemption if it is developed on an infill site and meets the following criteria:

- (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations;
- (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses;
- (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species;
- (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and
- (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The project is for the construction of a new 5,607 square-foot two-story single-family dwelling with a 3,467 square-foot basement, attached garage, swimming pool, spa, decks, retaining walls, two detached accessory buildings and a haul route for approximately 4,000 cubic yards of soils export. The new construction of a single-family dwelling and a project which is characterized as in-fill development, qualifies for the Class 3, Category 1 and Class 32 Categorical Exemptions.

The site is zoned R1-1 and has a General Plan Land Use Designation of Low Residential. As shown in the case file, the project is consistent with the applicable Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan designation and policies and all applicable zoning designations and regulations. The subject site is wholly within the City of Los Angeles, on a site that is approximately .40 acres. Lots adjacent to the subject property are developed with single-family dwellings or characterized by undeveloped land. The site is previously disturbed and surrounded by development and therefore is not, and has no value as, a habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. According to the Tree Report dated September 7, 2016, prepared by Licensed Land Surveyor, Ray Lombera, there are no protected or unprotected trees located on the lot. The project will be subject to Regulatory Compliance Measures (RCMs), which require compliance with the City of Los Angeles Noise Ordinance; pollutant discharge, dewatering,

stormwater mitigations; and Best Management Practices for stormwater runoff. These RCMs will ensure the project will not have significant impacts on noise and water. Furthermore, the project does not exceed the threshold criteria established by LADOT for preparing a traffic study. Therefore, the project will not have any significant impacts to traffic. Interim thresholds were developed by DCP staff based on CalEEMod model runs relying on reasonable assumptions, consulting with AQMD staff, and surveying published air quality studies for which criteria air pollutants did not exceed the established SCAQMD construction and operational thresholds. The project site will be adequately served by all public utilities and services given that the construction of a single-family dwelling and associated accessory structures will be on a site which has been previously developed and is consistent with the General Plan. Therefore, the project meets all of the Criteria for the Class 32.

There are six (6) Exceptions which the City is required to consider before finding a project exempt under Class 15303 and 15332: (a) Location; (b) Cumulative Impacts; (c) Significant Effect; (d) Scenic Highways; (e) Hazardous Waste Sites; and (f) Historical Resources.

While the subject property is located in a Dual Permit Jurisdiction Area of the California Coastal Zone, Hillside Area, Very High Fire Severity Zone, Special Grading Area, and Landslide Area, 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. These RCMs have been historically proven to work to the satisfaction of the City Engineer to reduce any impacts from the specific environment the project is located. RCMs include compliance with the Conditions of Approval in the Geology and Soils Approval Letter issued by the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) dated October 7, 2016 (Log # 94048-01). Thus, the location of the project will not result in a significant impact based on its location.

There is not a succession of known projects of the same type and in the same place as the subject project. As mentioned, the project proposes a single-family dwelling and associated accessory structures in an area zoned and designated for such development. All adjacent lots are developed with single-family dwellings, and the subject site is of a similar size and slope to nearby properties. The project proposes a Residential Floor Area (RFA) of 5,607 square feet on a site that is permitted to have a maximum RFA of 5,620 square feet. Additionally, the applicant proposes an envelope height of 50'-7" compared to a maximum allowed measured Prevailing Height of 51.55' pursuant to LAMC 12.21 C.10(d)(3). Thus, there are no unusual circumstances which may lead to a significant effect on the environment. Additionally, the only State Scenic Highway within the City of Los Angeles is the Topanga Canyon State Scenic Highway, State Route 27, which travels through a portion of Topanga State Park. The subject property is approximately 1.0 miles southeast of State Route 27. Therefore the subject site will not create any impacts within a designated as a state scenic highway. Furthermore, 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. The project site 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; and was not found to be a potential historic resource based on the City's HistoricPlacesLA website or SurveyLA, the citywide survey of Los Angeles. Finally, the City does not choose to treat the site as a historic resource. Based on this, the project will not result in a substantial adverse change to the significance of a historic resource and this exception does not apply.