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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(PRC Section 21152; CEQA Guidelines Section 15062)

Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21152(b) and CEQA Guidelines § 15062, the notice should be posted with the County Clerk by mailing the form and posting fee payment to the following address: Los Angeles County Clerk/Recorder, Environmental Notices, P.O. Box 1208, Norwalk, CA 90650. Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21167 (d), the posting of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to reliance on an exemption for the project. Failure to file this notice as provided above, results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

PARENT CASE NUMBER(S) / REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS

CPC-2024-6096-CA / Citywide Zoning Code Amendment

LEAD CITY AGENCY

City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)

CASE NUMBER

ENV-2024-6097-CE

PROJECT TITLE

Ordinance

COUNCIL DISTRICT

All

PROJECT LOCATION (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map)

Citywide☐ Map attached.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

☐ Additional page(s) attached.

Zoning Code Amendment to amend Chapter 1 and 1A of LAMC to define a high value development project and limit the duration and number of time extensions the City Council and applicants may consent to before making a decision on any application for high value development projects, including appeals, and all California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) appeals.

NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER:

N/A

CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above)

Stacy Farfan-Valencia

(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER

(213) 978-1372

EXT.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check all boxes, and include all exemptions, that apply and provide relevant citations.)

STATE CEQA STATUTE & GUIDELINES

☐ STATUTORY EXEMPTION(S)

Public Resources Code Section(s) _____

☐ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION(S) (State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301-15333 / Class 1-Class 33)

CEQA Guideline Section(s) / Class(es) _____

☒ OTHER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION (E.g., CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) or (b)(4) or Section 15378(b))**State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15061(b)(3) and/or Sec. 15378(b)(5)**

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:

☒ Additional page(s) attached☐ None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project.☐ The project is identified in one or more of the list of activities in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines as cited in the justification.

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

If different from the applicant, the identity of the person undertaking the project.

CITY STAFF USE ONLY:

CITY STAFF NAME AND SIGNATURE

Stacy Farfan-Valencia

STAFF TITLE

City Planner

ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED

DISTRIBUTION: County Clerk, Agency Record

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JUSTIFICATION FOR CEQA EXEMPTION

The Department of City Planning has determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Proposed Increasing Transparency on Council Time Extensions Ordinance (Proposed Ordinance) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3) and Section 15378(b)(5). The Proposed Ordinance solely modifies administrative procedures for the processing of entitlements and CEQA appeals extension requests and has no effect on the physical environment.

Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the Proposed Ordinance is not a project under CEQA, because the “activity is covered by the common sense exception 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 Ordinance is also not a project under CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) because “organization 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 Ordinance does not change any discretionary actions into non-discretionary actions. Further, the Proposed Ordinance does not change the zoning of any properties. The Proposed changes are limited to clarifications of definitions and administrative procedures and will not have an effect on the physical environment. As such, the Proposed Ordinance 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 and is not considered a “project” under CEQA.