

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Office of Planning and Research ceqasubmit.opr.ca.gov <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FROM: City of Santee (Public Agency) Department of Development Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Recorder County of San Diego P.O. Box 121750 San Diego, CA 92112-1750	Address 10601 Magnolia Avenue Building 4 Santee, CA 92071

1. Project Title:	Urgency Ordinance adopting an Essential Housing Program
2. Project Applicant:	City of Santee 10601 Magnolia Ave. Santee, CA 92071 (619) 258-4100
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	Entire jurisdictional limits of the City of Santee (see attached map)
4. (a) Project Location – City: Santee	(b) Project Location – County: San Diego
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	This is an Urgency Ordinance to adopt an Essential Housing Program to boost housing production and improve housing affordability in order to achieve the goals set forth in the City’s Housing Element (Sixth Cycle: 2021-2029), furthering the housing needs of all economic segments of the population.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	City of Santee
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	City of Santee Melanie Kush, Director of Development Services
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.	
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.	

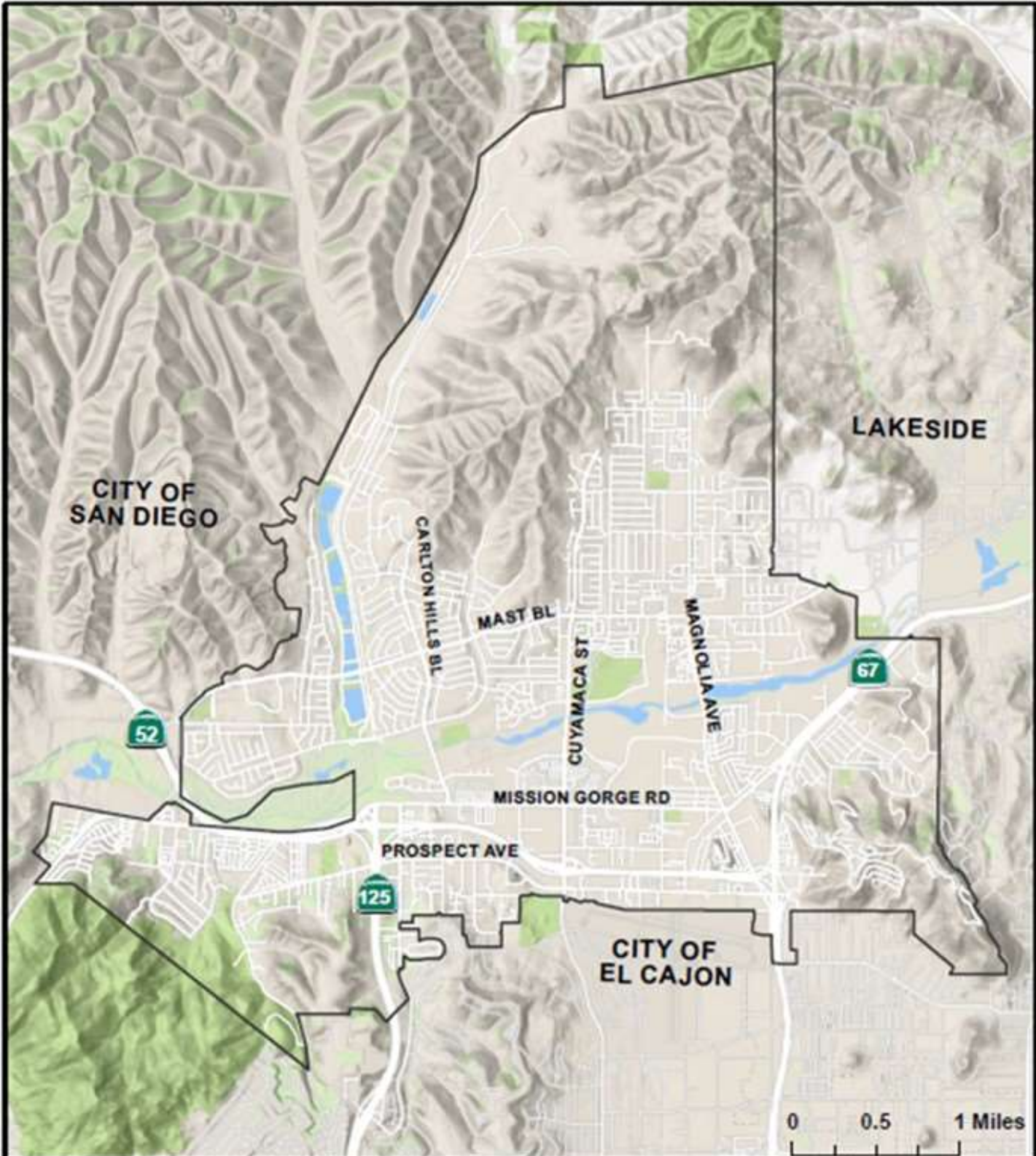
(g) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	The Urgency Ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(a), CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(2), and CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).
9. Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The Urgency Ordinance implements an Essential Housing Program, whereby the Director of Development Services is authorized to ministerially determine, based on objective standards, if a project is an Essential Housing Project. Specifically, the Urgency Ordinance contains provisions that implement solutions to the City's housing crisis by: (a) soliciting qualifying applications; (b) accepting applications that meet specified criteria designed to boost housing production and improve housing affordability in the City; (c) processing accepted applications in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Urgency Ordinance; (d) approving or denying such applications in accordance with objective criteria; and (e) using this overall framework to implement the City's program on an urgency basis consistent with the Council's findings and intent.</p> <p>The Ordinance does not entitle, authorize, or otherwise permit a development project. All projects certified as Essential Housing Projects must adhere to the City's standard development review and environmental assessment process.</p>
10. Lead Agency Contact Person:	Melanie Kush, Director of Development Services
Telephone:	619-258-4100, extension 167
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.	
12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: August 25, 2021	

Signature:  Date: 8/26/2021 Title: Director

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Location Map

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**Exhibit A**