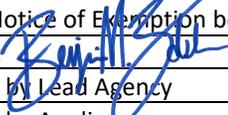


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Orange County Clerk-Recorder
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From (Public Agency): City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Project Title:	City of Newport Beach 2021-2029 Housing Element		
Project Location - Specific:	Citywide on Candidate Housing Sites		
Project Location - City:	City of Newport Beach		
Project Location - County:	County of Orange		
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:			
Nature:	The Project is the City of Newport Beach 2021–2029 Housing Element, which represents the City’s policy program for the 2021-2029 6 th Cycle Planning Period. The Project involves adoption of the Housing Element Update, amending the General Plan to incorporate the Housing Element Update for the current cycle, and approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption. ¹		
Purpose:	<p>Pursuant to State law, local governments are required to review and revise their Housing Element not less than once every eight years. The Housing Element Update would provide the City with a coordinated and comprehensive strategy for promoting the production of safe, decent, and affordable housing for all within the City. The Housing Element Update would institute policies intended to guide City decision-making and establish an Implementation Program to achieve housing goals through 2029.</p> <p>The City’s draft 6th Cycle Housing Element Update for the 2021-2029 planning period addresses changes to State housing laws, including the identification of housing sites that provide the development capacity to accommodate housing based on the City’s Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation at all income levels. For the eight-year planning cycle, the City’s 6th Cycle RHNA allocation is 4,845 housing units, including 1,456 very low-income units and 930 low-income units. The City has factored in a buffer of 5,293 housing units. The Housing Element establishes the City’s official housing policies and programs to accommodate the City’s RHNA goals and identifies available candidate housing sites (323 total) to meet those goals. The Project would not result in direct housing construction but would facilitate and provide a policy framework for future housing development throughout the City and its Sphere of Influence.</p>		
Beneficiaries:	City of Newport Beach		
Name of Public Agency Approving Project:	City of Newport Beach		
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:	City of Newport Beach		
Exempt Status	<i>Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute and Guidelines</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 152269(a));		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. Type and Section:	State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. Code Number:		
Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Project is exempt under the Common Sense Exemption because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element Update would have a significant effect on the environment.			
Lead Agency Contact Person: Benjamin Zdeba			Telephone: (949) 644-3253
If Filed by Applicant:			
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Signature:		Title: Senior Planner	Date: Feb 9, 2022
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signed by Lead Agency		Date received for filing at OPR:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed by Applicant		

¹ The CEQA Compliance Technical Memorandum is available for review at the City of Newport Beach Planning Division, 100 Civic Center Dr, Newport Beach, CA 92660, and on the City’s website at: <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/departments/community-development/planning-division/general-plan-codes-and-regulations/general-plan-update/housing-element-screencheck-draft-march-10-2020>