

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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

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| Project Title: | | City of Newport Beach 2021-2029 Housing Element, Candidate Housing Sites Inventory Update |
| Project Location - Specific: | | Citywide |
| 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 an update to the adopted City of Newport Beach Housing Element 2021 – 2029 candidate housing sites inventory. On February 8, 2022, the City of Newport Beach adopted its Housing Element Update, amending the General Plan to update the Housing Element for the 6th cycle, and adopted the CEQA document, a Notice of Exemption, which was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder on February 9, 2022. |
| Purpose: | | <p>Pursuant to State law, the City is required to update their Housing Element every eight years. Each eight-year planning cycle, the City is allocated a specific number of housing units (i.e., Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)). The RHNA quantifies current and future housing need within a city. 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 to meet those goals.</p> <p>On February 8, 2022, the City of Newport Beach adopted the Housing Element Update and found that the Housing Element Update was exempt under State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because it involves the City’s policies and programs to update its Housing Element and meet its RHNA allocation that either would not cause a significant effect on the environment or were previously analyzed adequately in the Newport Beach General Plan Update EIR (SCH No. 2006011119). The City of Newport Beach found that the 2021-2029 Housing Element programs and policies would not result in physical environmental impacts. Additionally, the 2021-2029 Housing Element does not grant any development entitlements or authorize development beyond what is allowed under the City’s current General Plan and Zoning Code (Municipal Code Title 20).</p> <p>The Project subject to this Notice of Exemption is an update to the 2021-2029 Housing Element’s programs and policies deemed necessary by the State Department of Housing and Community Development to find the document consistent with State Housing Element law. The update includes benchmarks and milestones for future programmatic actions that would not result in physical environmental impacts or direct housing construction.</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 (check one): | | <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 (update to the candidate housing sites inventory) is exempt under the Common Sense Exemption because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the update to the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update candidate housing sites inventory would have a significant effect on the environment. Also, no change to the adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element programs and policies is proposed. Neither the Project nor the 2021-2029 Housing Element’s programs and policies would result in physical environmental impacts or direct housing construction. Additionally, the 2021-2029 Housing Element does not | | |

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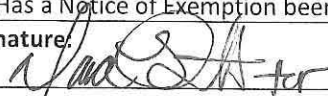
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| grant any development entitlements or authorize development beyond what is allowed under the City's current General Plan and Zoning Code (Municipal Code Title 20). | | |
| Lead Agency Contact Person: James Campbell | | Telephone & Extension: (949) 644-3210 |
| 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: Deputy Community Development Director | Date: Sept. 14, 2022 |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed by Lead Agency | Date received for filing at OPR: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signed by Applicant | |

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