

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From (Public Agency): City of Orange
300 East Chapman Ave
Orange, CA 92866

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ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT
BY: _____ DEPUTY

Project Title:		City of Orange 2021-2029 Housing Element	
Project Location - Specific:		No specific location. Citywide	
Project Location - City:		City of Orange	
Project Location - County:		County of Orange	
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:			
Nature:	The Project is the City of Orange Housing Element 2021 - 2029, which represents the City's policy program for the 2021-2029 6 th Planning Period. The Project involves adoption of the Housing Element Update, amending the General Plan to update the Housing Element for the current cycle, and certification of the CEQA document (i.e., Notice of Exemption). ¹		
Purpose:	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 growth 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 (83 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. No property rezoning is needed to accommodate the City's RHNA. The existing General Plan land use designations and zone changes were evaluated in the prior 2010 General Plan Program EIR.		
Beneficiaries:	City of Orange		
Name of Public Agency Approving Project:		City of Orange	
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:		City of Orange	
Exempt Status (check one):	Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute and Guidelines		
<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		Telephone & Extension: (714) 744-7228	
Contact Person: Anna Pehoushek, Assistant Community Development Director			
If Filed by Applicant:			
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?			
Signature:	Title: Planner	Date: 2/9/22	

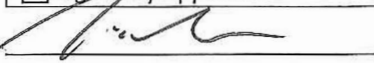
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Pursuant to Section 711.4(c)(2)(A) of the California Fish and Game Code and 14 CCR § 753.5, this project is exempt from the required fees, as it is exempt from CEQA.

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



¹ The City of Orange Local CEQA Guidelines is available for review at the City of Orange Community Development Department, 300 E Chapman Ave, Orange, CA 92866, and on the City's website at: <https://www.cityoforange.org/DocumentCenter/View/531/Local-CEQA-Guidelines-PDF>.