



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM:
Lead Agency: City of Whittier, Public Works
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Project Title: Pre-Zoning Ordinance West-Whittier- Los Nietos Annexation (City of Whittier Annexation No. 2021-09)

Project Applicant: City of Whittier Public Works Department

Project Location-Specific: From Esperanza Avenue and Whittier Boulevard, Norwalk Boulevard to Loch Lomond Drive, Grayling Avenue to Whittier Boulevard and eastward to Sorensen Avenue in both the City of Whittier and Unincorporated Los Angeles County. The proposed boundaries are further shown on Exhibit "A" – Map of Proposed Boundary on Page 3.

Project Location-City: Whittier **Project Location-County:** Los Angeles

Project Description: The City of Whittier will incorporate several parcels from West Whittier-Los Nietos on the City's west end from Unincorporated Los Angeles County bounded by Esperanza Avenue, Loch Lomond Drive, Grayling Avenue, Sorensen Avenue, and El Rancho Drive.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Whittier

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cesar Rangel, Assistant Director of Public Works, City of Whittier.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
 Categorical Exemption (15319)
 Statutory Exemption ()

- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c))
 Other: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed annexation is categorically exempt under CEQA guidelines § 15319 ("Annexations of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities") The areas to be annexed contain existing public and private structures developed to a density allowed by the current Los Angeles County zoning and the pre-zoning to Whittier's zoning has little to no impact, because the zoning is quite similar to the current zoning. Further, the annexation will not add any new utility services to the existing facilities since they are already being fully served, and therefore "the extension of utility services to the existing facilities would have a capacity to serve only the existing facilities."

Furthermore, there is no reasonably foreseeable change in the types, and intensity of major of service within the annexation area as a result of any approval. No sewer or water service is revised as a result of the annexation. Reasonable application of CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) would mean the project is exempt.

Lastly, there is no evidence that the annexation involves an unusual circumstance that might cause a significant effect on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2(c).) There is no evidence that the annexation will cause changes in the environment that would result in cumulative impacts.

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