

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Orange, CA
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): City of Laguna Beach
505 Forest Avenue
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

(Address)

Project Title: City Acquisition of St. Catherine of Siena School Property

Project Applicant: City of Laguna Beach, 505 Forest Ave., Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Project Location - Specific:

30516 Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 (APN 656-191-41)

Project Location - City: Laguna Beach Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The property was developed as a school use facility with recreational, educational, library, and administrative uses operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange County. The City of Laguna Beach is acquiring the property with the intent to develop a master plan to utilize the site for community- and civic-related uses.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Laguna Beach City Council

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Laguna Beach, 505 Forest Ave., Laguna Beach

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301(type 1) and 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

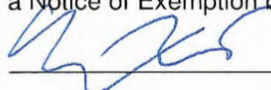
Reasons why project is exempt:

The property acquisition is exempt due to the continued use of an existing facility with negligible or no expansion of use. The future community- and civic-related uses will mimic the public benefit of the former school use with recreational, educational, and administrative uses proposed for all near-term uses. If future additional or more extensive uses are proposed, those activities will be separately evaluated.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Anthony Viera, Senior Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (949) 497-0398

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 8/17/22 Title: Senior Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____