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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

To:  Orange County Clerk-Recorder  
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From: City of Placentia  
Development Services Department  
401 E. Chapman Avenue  
Placentia, CA 92870

Project Title: Zoning Code Amendment/Zone Change (ZCA) No. 2022-05 and General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 2022-02

Project Location - Specific: Two project areas are affected: 1. The area of the City of Placentia previously known as Unincorporated Hamer Island, which consists of 76 acres completely surrounded by the City Placentia and generally located north of Palm Drive, south of Shadburn Avenue, west of Carbon Creek Channel, and east of Arrowhead Drive; and 2. Citywide

Project Location - City: Placentia, CA 92870

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Project: Project area 1 includes a Zoning Code Amendment/Zone Change to assign a Zoning designation and establish development standards within the Placentia Municipal Code (PMC) Chapter 23 for the newly annexed Hamer Island. Project area 1 also includes a General Plan Amendment to establish a land use designation for the newly annexed Hamer Island and to recognize said area as an incorporated portion of the City of Placentia in the Land Use Element of the General Plan. Project area 2 includes a Zoning Code Amendment to amend the Placentia Municipal Code (PMC) Chapter 23.21, changing the allowable density of the R-3 Zone, increasing the allowable density from 25 to 30 units per acre. Project area 2 also includes a General Plan Amendment to amend the allowable density of the High-Density Residential land use designation within the Land Use Element, increasing the allowable density from 25 to 30 units per acre.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Placentia City Council

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Placentia, 401 E. Chapman Ave. Placentia, CA 92870, c/o Joseph Lambert  
Email: JLambert@Placentia.org, Phone: (714) 993-8234

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);  Other
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: On November 15, 2022, the City Council approved the project and found that for both Project Areas 1 and 2 described above, that the proposed project and its implementation will not cause any physical changes to the City's environment. A Common Sense Exemption (as defined in CEQA) applies to the approved Zoning Code Amendment/Zone Change and General Plan Amendment under Section 15061 (b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, which states: "The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." The project as described above has been determined to not fall under the jurisdiction of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in any physical changes in the environment. Therefore, this action qualifies with the requirements for an Exemption, under Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joseph Lambert Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 993-8234

Signature: Date: 11/16/2022 Title: Director of Development Services

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant