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**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**COUNTY OF
SAN BERNARDINO
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CLERK OF THE BOARD**

TO:

FROM:

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PROJECT TITLE: LAFCO SC#517 – City of Chino Covenant Agreement to Annex for Sewer Service (APN 1016-331-05)

PROJECT LOCATION: The service contract area relates to Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 1016-331-05, generally located on the south side of Walnut Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad, and west of Rosswell Avenue, within the City of Chino’s northwestern sphere of influence.

DESCRIPTION: Authorization of a service extension agreement submitted by the City of Chino to provide sewer service outside its boundaries to a religious facility and caretaker’s unit proposed to be built on APN 1016-331-05.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: Local Agency Formation Commission

AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: City of Chino

EXEMPT STATUS AND REASONS: The Local Agency Formation Commission has determined that LAFCO SC#517 is exempt from environmental review since it does not have the potential for resulting in physical changes in the environment, directly or ultimately (Sections 15061 of the State Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act). In 2020, the County prepared an Initial Study and a Mitigated Negative Declaration for a Conditional Use Permit to construct the two-story 32,400 sq. ft. place of worship and a 4,000 sq. ft. caretaker’s unit on approximately 4.93 acres. The proposed sewer extension to the proposed religious facility and caretaker’s unit, which is the transition from the use of a septic wastewater disposal system, does not have the potential to cause a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, the proposal is exempt from the requirements of CEQA, as outlined in the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061 (b) (3). Without any identifiable physical changes, this proposal does not constitute a project and is not subject to environmental review under the provisions of the State CEQA Guidelines section cited above or the Commission’s adopted CEQA Guidelines.

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DECISION DATE: November 15, 2023


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