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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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From: City of Torrance
CD Department
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503

County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Title: Amendment of Torrance Municipal Code to add Section 31.1.10 to define "Flight School" and limit the number thereof allowed within the City of Torrance (Ordinance No. 3928).

Project Applicant: City of Torrance

Project Location - Specific: 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California 90503

Project Location – City: City of Torrance Project Location - County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Ordinance No. 3928 would amend the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) to define the term "Flight School" and limit the number of business licenses for flight schools permitted in the City of Torrance. Ordinance 3928 reinforces Resolution No. 77-215, which allows for a maximum of six flight school business licenses at the Torrance Airport at any given time.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Torrance City Council

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Torrance, Finance Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268):
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(c))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption: State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions: State code number: PRC Section 21065
- Other: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

Reason why project is exempt: Ordinance No. 3928 does not constitute a "project" under CEQA PRC § 21065, as it will not cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment. Even if Ordinance No. 3928 were considered to be a "project", it would be exempt under the "common sense" exception (CEQA Guidelines § 15061 (b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment. Ordinance No. 3928 does not propose or permit any new development, nor does it increase or change in any way the land use, density, or development regulations applicable to any property. Additionally, Ordinance No. 3928 is also categorically exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, which exempts the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is that Ordinance No. 3928 does not involve the expansion of use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michelle G. Ramirez, Director of Community Development

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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: 
Title: Director of Community Development

Date: January 10, 2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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