

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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 County Clerk
 County of: Orange
P.O. Box 238
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From: (Public Agency): City of Aliso Viejo
12 Journey, Suite 100
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656-5335
 (Address)

Project Title: Housing Element - Zone Changes and Code Amendments

Project Applicant: City of Aliso Viejo

Project Location - Specific:
 1 Columbia, a portion of Aliso Viejo Town Center, 26800-26880 Aliso Viejo Parkway, 35 Journey, 2A Liberty, 27231 Aliso Viejo Parkway, and City-wide.

Project Location - City: City of Aliso Viejo Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Amend the zoning map to add "Mixed-Use/Residential Overlay (MU/R)" district to the existing zoning designations to the project locations above to allow residential development; and amend the code to designate high-residential density to the MU/R and increase the base density to 90 dwelling units per acre for affordable housing development in MU/R.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Aliso Viejo

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: So Kim, Community Development Director

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: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The proposal is an administrative activity that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment and is thus not a "project" under State CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Alternatively, even if the proposal did qualify as a project under CEQA, the proposal is still exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, which provides that a project is exempt from CEQA 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 proposal does not authorize any construction or development; it provides clarification to the mixed-use/residential overlay district and provides additional incentives for affordable-housing development in the Aliso Viejo Municipal Code to comply with the adopted Housing Element.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: So Kim Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (949) 425-2527

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: 4/19/2024 Title: Community Development Director

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: _____