



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>TO:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Rm. 121 Sacramento, CA 95814	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orange County Clerk-Recorder P.O. Box 238 Santa Ana, CA 92702
<b>FROM:</b> City of Lake Forest – Community Development Department   Planning Division 100 Civic Center Drive Lake Forest, CA 92630	

<b>Project Title:</b>	Changed Plan 05-24-5708: Carlen Plaza Landscape Renovation		
<b>Project Applicant:</b>	Site Design Studio, Attn: Laurie Martz, 180 E. Main Street, Tustin, CA 92780		
<b>Project Location – Specific:</b>	23501 El Toro Road (617-441-28)		
<b>Project Location – City:</b>	Lake Forest	<b>County:</b>	Orange County
<b>Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:</b>	Changed Plan (CP) 05-24-5708 is a request to renovate approximately 9,957 sq. ft. of landscaped area within the Carlen Plaza shopping center. The scope of work includes removing all existing turf lawn areas, parking lot trees, and shrubs/vegetation at the street frontages along El Toro Road and Raymond Way and installing new drought tolerant landscape and xeriscape.		
<b>Public Agency Approving Project:</b>	City of Lake Forest Director of Community Development		
<b>Name of Person/Agency Undertaking Project:</b>	Site Design Studio, Attn: Laurie Martz, 180 E. Main Street, Tustin, CA 92780		
<b>Exempt Status:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))			
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (Sec. & Class):		CEQA Guidelines Article 19, <i>Categorical Exemptions</i> , Sec. 15304, Class 4: <i>Minor Alterations to Land</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption (Code Number):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:			

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 – *Categorical Exemptions*, Sec. 15304, Class 4 – *Minor Alterations of Land* of the CEQA Guidelines, which involve “new gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire-resistant landscaping.” The project specifically includes replacing the existing landscaping with drought tolerant landscape and xeriscape.

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<b>Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Date of Public Hearing</b>
		N/A

	8/7/24 <b>Date</b>
<b>Signature (Lead Agency Representative)</b>	

Date Received for Filing: