

To: Orange County Clerk-Recorder
County Administration South
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: City of La Habra
Planning Division
110 East La Habra Boulevard
La Habra, CA 90631

Project Title: Design Review (DRPH 24-0003)

Project Location – Specific: 815 East La Habra Boulevard

Project Location – City: La Habra Project Location – County: Orange

Description of Project: Design Review (DRPH 24-0003) for the proposed renovation and expansion of an existing building

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of La Habra Planning Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Juan Alas
1187 Grand Canyon
Brea, CA 92821

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)0;
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15332, Class 32: "In-fill Development Projects"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reason why projects exempt: The Planning Commission finds and determines that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332, Class 32: "In-fill Development Projects" of the CEQA Guidelines in that the Project is consistent with the General Plan designation and all applicable General Plan policies, the Project site is less than five acres and surrounded by urban uses. The site currently features a 978 square-foot one-story building, constructed in 1920, that was last used by a printing and form distribution business in 2020. As a result, the Project site has no value as a habitat for rare or endangered fish or wildlife. The Project was screened through the North Orange County Collaborative VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) Traffic Study Screening Tool. According to the screening tool, the Project is located within a Transit Priority Area and within a Low VMT Generating Zone. Per the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), a small project can be screened from VMT analysis if it is determined that the daily net trips will be less than 110 trips. Based on the Project size, the net daily trips are expected to be 42 trips (45 trips anticipated – 3 trips existing). Therefore, the Project is not subject to a VMT analysis. Lastly, approval of the Project would not result in significant impacts to noise, air quality or water quality, as the Project is a commercial development proposed on a parcel zoned for mixed-use and located along a primary thoroughfare within the City. Because this is a project involving an existing building, the restoration and expansion of the site can and will continue to be adequately served by all utilities and public services.

The Project is also not subject to any of the exceptions for exemption under Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines. The cumulative impact of this Project, and the approval of other projects like it in the vicinity, is not expected to have any significant environmental impact. The Project is not located along any state-designated scenic highway nor within any designated hazardous waste site. Staff does not expect any significant impacts or unusual circumstances related to the approval and construction of the Project. Therefore, the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ash Syed Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (562) 383-4128

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: 1/28/2025 Title: Senior Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filling at OPR: