

## Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

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From: (Public Agency): City of La Verne  
3660 D Street  
La Verne, CA 91750

(Address)

Project Title: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAM NO. 25: PROVIDE ADEQUATE SITES FOR LOWER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS ON NON-VACANT AND VACANT SITES PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED

Project Applicant: City of La Verne

Project Location - Specific:

8377-027-031, -032, 8377-028-902, -903, 8377-28-011, -010, 8378-014-011,  
8378-015-006, -007, -008, -009

Project Location - City: La Verne Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Housing Element included Program No. 25 which provides that the City will "rezone" to allow development by right pursuant to Government Code section 65583.2(i) when 20 percent or more of the units are affordable to lower income households. This was to apply to sites that were non-vacant and identified in the Previous (5th Cycle) Housing Element. The purpose of the Housing Element Sites Overlay zone (HEO) is to establish the maximum density requirements and ministerial review rights for certain properties that are designated for lower income housing pursuant to California Housing Law as part of the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element, consistent with Government Code Section 65583.2.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of La Verne

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of La Verne

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: Section 15034(b)(3) & 15378 (b)(5)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a "project" pursuant CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) because the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment in that the Ordinance will not impact the type or intensity of use already allowed on the properties, but rather simply recognizes that there is no discretionary permit or review required. Furthermore, even if the amendment was considered to be a project, it would be exempt from environmental review pursuant to the "common sense exemption" per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as the City has already implemented this requirement through the adoption of the 6th Cycle Housing Element which contained the program referred to in the Recitals above. Staff is directed to file a Notice of Exemption.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Candice Bowcock Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 909-596-8706

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: Candice Bowcock Date: 10/22/24 Title: Principal Planner

▪ 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: 10/23/24