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NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
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Project Title: OTC Bell Gardens LLC

Project Location: The Project is located at 5603 Gage Ave., Bell Gardens, CA 90201 in Los Angeles County.

County: Los Angeles

Project Description:
The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Procession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Cannabis License submitted on 5/23/2025, by Norman Yousif. OTC Bell Gardens LLC applied for a Storefront Retail License in an existing facility.

Project Activities:
The Proposed Project will operate a Storefront Retail License within an existing building at 5603 Gage Ave., Bell Gardens, CA 90201 (APN 6328-003-034). The Project proposes tenant improvements to an existing 6,064 square foot commercial building into two commercial suites for cannabis retail use. Building modifications are minimal and no changes beyond existing use are proposed.

Exemption Status: (check one)

☐ Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
☐ Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
☐ Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
☒ Categorical Exemption: [Class 1 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs,. Title 14, §15301]
☐ Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
☐ General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The Department of Cannabis Control has determined that the project is a Class 1 Categorical Exemption project. Class 1 Categorical Exemptions consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations to existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The Project involves the use of an existing building with no proposal for exterior changes or the addition of square footage. The design, location, size, and operating characteristics of the Project are compatible with the existing and future land uses within the vicinity. None of the exceptions to the exemption defined in Section 15300.2 apply to the Project.

This is to certify that the final environmental document, comments and responses, and the record of project approval are available to the public at the following location:

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