



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

Project Title:	Use Permit 02-25-5773 (Oliva Hookah Patio)		
Project Applicant:	Max Ahmadi 22361 Birchcrest Mission Viejo, CA 92692		
Project Location – Specific:	20770 Lake Forest Drive, Suite "A"		
Project Location – City:	Lake Forest	County:	Orange County
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:	Convert a parking lot planter to a patio and provide hookah smoking on the patio in conjunction with an existing restaurant.		
Public Agency Approving Project:	City of Lake Forest Planning Commission		
Name of Person/Agency Undertaking Project:	Oliva (restaurant) 20770 Lake Forest Drive, Suite "A" Lake Forest, CA 92630		
Exempt Status:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (PRC § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)		<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (PRC § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (PRC § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines 15269(b)(c))			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (§ & Class):		CEQA Guidelines § 15301; Class 1 <i>Existing Facilities</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption (Code Number):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:			

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is exempt from provisions of the CA Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 – *Categorical Exemptions*, § 15301, Class 1 – *Existing Facilities* of the CEQA Guidelines, which applies to projects involving the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency Contact Person:	Ron Santos – Senior Planner	
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Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date of Public Hearing
		July 3, 2025

Signature (Lead Agency Representative)	July 8, 2025 Date
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Date Received for Filing: