NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Torrance
CD Department
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503

☒ County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Title: Amendment of Torrance Municipal Section 415.1.040(B) "Operating Standards" and Repealing Section 415.1.050 "Pilot Program" of Division 4 "Public Health And Welfare", Chapter 15 "Cottage Food" of the Torrance Municipal Code" (Ordinance No. 3952).

Project Applicant: City of Torrance

Project Location - Specific: 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California 90503

Project Location – City: City of Torrance Project Location - County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Ordinance No. 3952 amends the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) to allow a cottage food home occupation business to extend their hours of operation to 8:00 pm within the month of December (December 1st to December 31st) only; prohibit the primary resident from subletting or granting the use of any part of their property to anyone not living at the resident (whether for profit or nonprofit) for the purpose of a cottage food operation, at any time; expands the definition of cottage food operation to include but not limited to direct sales, fundraising, food distribution, or any other related food operation; clarifies that all cottage food home occupation business must comply with all local, state and federal requirements; and, repeal TMC Section 415.1.050 "Pilot Program", as it is no longer applicable.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Torrance City Council

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Torrance, Finance Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec, 21080 (b)(1); 15268):
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(c))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Section 15378
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions: State code number:
- ☒ Other: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

Reason why project is exempt: Ordinance No. 3952 was reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq., "CEQA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations §§15000, et seq., the "CEQA Guidelines"). Ordinance No. 3952 is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378, because the activity undertaken involves general text amendments that would not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and does not meet the definition of a "Project" under CEQA. Additionally, Ordinance No. 3952 is exempt from CEQA Guidelines under Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. Ordinance No. 3952 consists only of bolstering public nuisance regulations. Adoption of this ordinance will not have the effect of deleting or substantially changing any regulatory standards or required findings.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michelle G. Ramirez

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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: Michelle G. Ramirez Date: September 25, 2025
Title: Director of Community Development

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:
THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED
ON September 26 2025
UNTIL October 27 2025
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