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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(PRC Section 21152; CEQA Guidelines Section 15062)

Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21152(b) and CEQA Guidelines § 15062, the notice should be posted with the County Clerk by mailing the form and posting fee payment to the following address: Los Angeles County Clerk/Recorder, Environmental Notices, P.O. Box 1208, Norwalk, CA 90650. Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21167 (d), the posting of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to reliance on an exemption for the project. Failure to file this notice as provided above, results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

PARENT CASE NUMBER(S) / REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS
ZA-2025-2727-PUB

LEAD CITY AGENCY	CASE NUMBER
City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)	ENV-2025-2737-CE
PROJECT TITLE	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Young Korean Academy	CD 8

PROJECT LOCATION (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map) ☐ Map attached.
3421 South Catalina Street

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: ☐ Additional page(s) attached.
The project involves the change of use and maintenance of an existing 2,471 square-foot dwelling, along with a new two-story addition and a renovated annex portion, as a cultural museum and community center.

NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER:
Hong Gyun Lee, Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (Republic of Korea)

CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above)	(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER | EXT.
Alexander Irvine, Irvine & Associates, Inc.	(213) 437-3404

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check all boxes, and include all exemptions, that apply and provide relevant citations.)

STATE CEQA STATUTE & GUIDELINES

☐ STATUTORY EXEMPTION(S)

Public Resources Code Section(s) _____

☒ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION(S) (State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301-15333 / Class 1-Class 33)

CEQA Guideline Section(s) / Class(es) **CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 / Class 1**

☐ OTHER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION (E.g., CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) or (b)(4) or Section 15378(b)

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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: ☐ Additional page(s) attached

Project involves the conversion, renovation, and addition to an existing single-family residence designated as a Historical Cultural Monument. There are no unusual circumstances that apply to the project as it is fully improved and developed within an urbanized neighborhood of south Los Angeles.

The project is exempt because it involves the conversion, renovation, and addition to an existing single-family residence. None of the exceptions to the Categorical Exemption Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies to the proposed project. (a) Location: The subject site does not contain an officially mapped environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern. (b) Cumulative Impact: Per ZIMAS, the LADBS Haul Route Status Table, and Navigate LA, there are no concurrent approved or pending projects or haul routes within the same place of the project site. The proposed Project will not result in significant cumulative impacts from successive projects of the same type in the same place. (c) Significant Effect: The project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. All adjacent lots are developed with single-family dwellings, commercial buildings, and multi-family structures, and the subject site is of similar size and slope to nearby properties. The project site is located in a typical urbanized area of the South Los Angeles Community Plan, and the project would be consistent with the designated zoning and would adhere to all requirements of the LAMC, with the approval of the Public Benefit grant. The project is not unusual for the vicinity of the site, and is similar in scope to other existing residential/institutional uses in the area. Furthermore, there is not a reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. (d) Scenic Highways: The project is not in the vicinity of a state scenic highway and will not damage scenic resources in a state scenic highway. (e) Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 related to hazardous waste sites. (f) Historical Resources: Per ZIMAS, SurveyLA, and/or Historic Places LA, the project site is not identified or eligible as a historical resource. The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

☒ None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project; no unusual circumstance is found.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.
If different from the applicant, the identity of the person undertaking the project.

CITY STAFF USE ONLY:

CITY STAFF NAME AND SIGNATURE	STAFF TITLE
Esther Ahn	City Planner
ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED Public Benefit	

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