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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-2024-1338-CUB / Class 2 Conditional Use Permit

LEAD CITY AGENCY	CASE NUMBER
City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)	ENV-2024-1339-CE
PROJECT TITLE	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Total Wine & More	5

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

9527 West Pico Boulevard (9533-9541 West Pico Boulevard and 1264 South Smithwood Drive), Los Angeles, 90035

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: ☐ Additional page(s) attached.

The proposed project is a Class 2 Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption and the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with a proposed 18,271 square-foot specialty retail store (Total Wine & More) with a 797 square-foot tasting area in the C4-1VL-O Zone. Proposed hours of operation are from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, daily.

NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER:

California Fine Wine and Spirits, LLC (Applicant) / Pico Smithwood, LLC c/o E.M. Caplow & Assoc. Attn: Mark Caplow (Owner)

CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above)	(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER | EXT.
Steve Rawlings, Rawlings Consulting	(951) 667-5152

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) **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

The City of Los Angeles has determined based on the whole of the administrative record, that substantial evidence supports that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities), and none of the exceptions to the categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies to the proposed project. The proposed project will not result in significant cumulative impacts from successive projects of the same type in the same place. The project does not involve unusual circumstances. The proposed project will not damage scenic resources in a state scenic highway. The project site is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 related to hazardous waste sites. The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The project was found to be exempt based on the following:

Section 15301, Class 1 – (Existing Facilities) consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

☒ None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project.
☐ The project is identified in one or more of the list of activities in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines as cited in the justification.

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
Monique Acosta *Monique Acosta*	City Planner
ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED Class 2 Conditional Use Permit	

DISTRIBUTION: County Clerk, Agency Record

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