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CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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HUGH NGUYEN

CLERK - RECORDER

By *Hugh Nguyen*  
Deputy clerk

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**Project Title**

THE JOY HOUSE

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- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
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## CITY OF SANTA ANA

### Planning and Building Agency

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

### From the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

**To:** COUNTY CLERK  
County of Orange  
P.O. Box 238  
Santa Ana, CA 92702

**From:** City of Santa Ana  
Planning & Building Agency  
20 Civic Center Plaza M-20  
Santa Ana, CA 92702

**Project Title:** The Joy House

**Date of Approval:** 01/29/2026

**Project Number(s):** HRCA-2025-14-HRCA HRC-2025-11-HRC

HPPA-2025-12-HPPA

**Project Location:** 1402 S Birch St

**City:** Santa Ana

**County:** Orange

**ER Number:** ER-2025-114

**Project Description:** The property owners, Laura Trudeau and Nicholas Timmons, are applying for the property to be designated on the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties, to categorize the property as Contributive, and to enter a Mills Act Contract with the City.

**Applicant Name:** Laura Grutsch

**Applicant Address:** 1402 S. Birch Street  
SANTA ANA, CA 92707

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Historic Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Williams, James

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269 (a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 15269 (b through e))
- General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3)/(5))
- Statutory Exemption:
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15331 (Class 31)

**Reason(s) Why Project is Exempt From CEQA:**

Action is designed to preserve a historic structure.

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**City Contact:** Pedro Gomez, AICP

**Telephone:** (714) 667-2790

**Signature:** 

**Title:** Principal Planner

**Date:** February 2, 2026

