



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 10-25-5833 Pawpals Pet Services		
Project Applicant:	Top Arc Group Attn: Steven Chen 1140 Centre Drive STE E Walnut, CA 91789		
Project Location – Specific:	26741 Rancho Pkwy #103, Lake Forest, CA		
Project Location – City:	Lake Forest	County:	Orange County
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:	Use Permit 10-25-5833, is a request to operate a pet kennel from an existing 1,383 square-foot building tenant space. The tenant will only make interior changes through a tenant improvement, with no exterior modifications.		
Public Agency Approving Project:	City of Lake Forest Director of Community Development 100 Civic Center Drive Lake Forest, CA 92630		

Exempt Status:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)	<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (Sec. & Class):	CEQA Guidelines Article 19, <i>Categorical Exemptions</i> , Sec. 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 the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 – *Categorical Exemptions*, Sec. 15301, Class 1 – *Existing Facilities* of the CEQA Guidelines, which involve “negligible or no expansion of an existing use.” The proposed project falls under this Class 1 exemption for existing facilities because it will not cause the expansion of an existing building.

Lead Agency Contact Person:	Xiomara Solis, Assistant 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
		February 5, 2026

_____ Signature (Lead Agency Representative)	2/11/26 _____ Date
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Date Received for Filing: