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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ County of Orange ☒ Office of Planning and Research
Clerk-Recorder Submitted via online at: <https://cegasubmit.opr.ca.gov>
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Project Title and File Number: Target Drive-Up Modifications (Planning Application RSM 26-002)

Project Applicant: Kimley-Horn on behalf of Target **Telephone Number:** (714) 453-4316
1100 W. Town & Country Road
Orange, CA 92868

Project Location: 30602 Santa Margarita Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688

Project Description: A Site Development Permit (SDP) to modify the curbside "drive-up" parking spaces at an existing Target retail store. The project includes the relocation of 12 drive-up stalls, replacement of directional signage, and related site improvements including curb ramps, landscaping, and pavement striping. Curbside drive-up service will continue to operate during the store's regular business hours, which are daily from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The proposed project would not change current drive-up stall operations or modify the store's current curbside pick-up hours.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268));
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption (state type, section and class number)

Class 1, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities

Class 11, Section 15311 – Accessory Structures

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 (*Existing Facilities*) and 15311 (*Accessory Structures*), the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 and Class 11 categorical exemptions since the project involves the modifications to an existing curbside drive-up area, within an existing parking lot located within a developed shopping center. Furthermore, all necessary public services and facilities are already available to the proposed project site, and approval of the proposed project would not result in significant adverse effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

Lead Agency: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Contact Person: Derek Bingham, Senior Planner **Telephone:** (949) 635-1800 Ext. 6705

If filed by Applicant: N/A

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

[X] Yes ☐ No

Signature: 

Name and Title: Derek Bingham, Senior Planner

Date: February 17, 2026