



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  
Los Angeles County Clerk  
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From:  
City of Pasadena  
Planning Department  
175 N. Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, California 91109

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**Project Title:** Caltech Innovation Center

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**Project Applicant:** TC LA Development, Inc.

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**Project Address:** 1364 E. Green Street (at South Holliston Avenue)

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**Project City:** Pasadena

**Project County:** Los Angeles

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**Project Description:** The project involves the construction of a new four-story, 93,539 square-foot research and development building with 260 parking spaces located at-grade and within a three-level subterranean parking garage. An existing surface parking lot will be demolished and two (of four) protected street trees are proposed to be removed to facilitate the proposed project.

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**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Pasadena

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**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** TC LA Development, Inc.

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**Exempt Status (Check one):**

- Ministerial (California Public Resources Code, §21080(b)(1); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 18, §15268)
- Declared Emergency (California Public Resources Code, §21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (California Public Resources Code, §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Class 32, §15332, In-fill Development Projects)
- Statutory Exemption (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3,

Article 18, §(#))

- General Rule (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 5, §15061(b)(3))

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**Reason why project is exempt:**

This project has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act and the CEQA Guidelines (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(9); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, §15332, Class 32, In-fill Development Projects). Class 32 exempts from environmental review in-fill development within urbanized areas that are consistent with the General Plan and Zoning requirements. The proposed use and building are consistent with the General Plan, the 2022 East Colorado Specific Plan and Zoning Code requirements. The project site is located in an urbanized area and surrounded by existing commercial, residential, and institutional uses. The project will adhere to applicable regulations and permitting requirements by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and the City's Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan ordinance and will not have impacts to water quality. Technical studies relating to traffic, noise, air quality and vibration

were conducted to support the Class 32 exemption requirements, which found no significant impacts, and there were no exceptions to the exemptions that were found to apply to the project. There are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances. Under holding *McCorkle Eastside Neighborhood Group v. City of St. Helena* (2019) 31 Cal.App.5th 80, CEQA applies only to discretionary projects. In case this application is confirmed by a court to be a discretionary project for the purposes of CEQA, the City Council found this project is exempt from CEQA review under an in-fill exemption.

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