

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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City of Irvine  
Community Development Department  
PO Box 19575  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of **Notice of Exemption** in compliance with Section 15062 of the Public Resources Code.

**Project Title; File No:** Master Plan Modification for Great Park Neighborhoods District 7 (Altair) (File No. 00966998-PMP)

**Project Location:** 50 Aquila and 50 Axis in Planning Area 51 (Great Park), in Irvine, CA  
(include County)

**Project Description:** Install new traffic barrier arms and retractable bollards at two existing gated entries off Irvine Boulevard to enhance security and improve user experience.

**Approving Public Agency:** City of Irvine  
Director of Community Development  
PO Box 19575  
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**Approval Date:** March 19, 2026  
**Resolution No.** N/A

**Project Applicant:** Smith Architects, Inc.  
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**Exempt Status:**  
(check one)

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Statutory Exemption:
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities
- General Rule Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

**Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:** Project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, which allows for the minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, and mechanical involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project would install new traffic barriers at existing gated entries, which will not result in the expansion of any existing use.

Michael O'Toole,  
Associate Planner

March 19, 2026

**Name and Title**

**Signature**

**Date**