

CEQA Notice of Exemption

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Exemption Number: CE-26-015

Project Title (Application Number): 2509-015 (CUP25-015)

Project Location – Specific: 4360 Stearns Street

Project Location – City/County: **City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California**

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A Conditional Use Permit request to expand an existing liquor store (Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Type 21 – Off-Sale General) to allow the addition of onsite tasting (ABC Type 86 - Instructional Tasting) and to reconfigure the floor plan to accommodate an onsite tasting area (206 square feet) within a building located at 4360 Stearns Street in the Community Pedestrian-Oriented (CCP) Zoning District. Additionally, approval of this Conditional Use Permit will result in the existing legal nonconforming liquor store being removed from Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (ANAO) deemed approved status. (District 4)

Public Agency Approving Project: **City of Long Beach, California**

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Corked c/o Wisam Khezam

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 and section number: Section 15301 Existing Facilities

☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act this project is eligible for a categorical exemption per Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) as the project consists of the internal reconfiguration of an existing retail building to add an alcohol tasting area (CE-26-015). The physical construction associated with the project relates to the alteration of an existing structure and the service of alcohol would be within the existing onsite premises.

Lead Agency

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