

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: Orange
PO Box 238
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From: (Public Agency): City of Irvine
Community Development Department
PO Box 19575
Irvine, CA 92623-9575

Project Title: Planning Area 12 (Oak Creek) Zone Text Amendment (Zone Change 00976603-PZC)

Project Applicant: Irvine Company, 550 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Project Location - Specific: Planning Area 12. Generally bound by Jeffrey Road to the west, Progress and Interstate 5 to the north, Oak Canyon to the east, and Irvine Center Drive to the south.

Project Location - City: Irvine

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of the Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 26-07 approving Zone Change 00976603-PZC to amend Section 9-12-7 of the Irvine Zoning Ordinance to establish an alternative approach to implementing open space in Planning Area (PA) 12 (Oak Creek). The Zone Change establishes an optional process for the City’s future consideration of a public nature park and trail system on a portion of the Oak Creek Golf Course as an alternative to the existing Zoning Ordinance (Section 9-12-7(B)(2)(a)-(d)) requirements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Irvine City Council

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Irvine City Council

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: Common Sense Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions.** State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to Section 5, Exemption Process, of the City of Irvine California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Procedures, and Article 5 of the CEQA Guidelines (Section 15061(b)(3)) it has been determined that the Project is covered by the Common Sense Exemption, which applies to projects where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The amendment establishes an optional regulatory framework that the City could consider upon application for future discretionary approvals. Any such related proposal for future development at the project site would be subject to appropriate CEQA review at the time it is submitted. Because the Project does not authorize any physical development or change in land use, there is no possibility that it will have a significant effect on the environment.

Additionally, the Project has been evaluated pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 as a

subsequent activity within the scope of a previously certified Environmental Impact Report and a Notice of Determination has also been filed for the Project.

Lead Agency

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 4/29/2020 Title: Senior Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant