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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: X County of Orange X Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Project Title and File Number: La Tia Tacos & More Alcoholic Beverage Retail Sales and Outdoor Dining (Planning Application RSM 26-004)

Project Applicant: La Tia Tacos & More **Telephone Number:** (949) 306-6663
30465 Avenida de las Flores, Suite B
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Project Location: 30465 Avenida de las Flores, Suite B
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Project Description: A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for alcoholic beverage retail sales and outdoor seating and dining at an existing Mexican cuisine restaurant located in the Santa Margarita Marketplace shopping center. Beer and wine would be served indoors and in the outdoor dining area, with no modifications proposed to the existing restaurant.

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)

Section 15301 Class 1: Existing Facilities

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 (*Existing Facilities*) categorical exemption since the proposed project would occupy an existing restaurant space within a developed shopping center that would not increase the building footprint beyond the existing area. 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: Miranda Diaz-Casarrubias, Planning Technician

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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? Yes No

Signature: 

Name and Title: Miranda Diaz-Casarrubias, Planning Technician

Date: June 3, 2026