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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Orange Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
Clerk-Recorder Submitted via online at: <https://ceqasubmit.lci.ca.gov/>
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Project Title and File Number: Oakhouse Church (Planning Application RSM 26-001)

Project Applicant: Oakhouse Church **Telephone Number:** (949) 216-0334
30605 Avenida de las Flores
Rancho Santa Margarita,
CA 92688

Project Location: 30605 Avenida de las Flores, Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688 (Orange County)

Project Description: A Conditional Use Permit to allow a church use (Oakhouse Church) at an existing church site. The project would include the removal of two existing modular buildings and replacing them with a 1,920 square foot modular building and 1,520 square foot geodesic dome structure. In addition, the project would include the addition of nine new parking spaces within the existing parking lot. The project would also rescind a previous approval for a three-phase church master plan for the site.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Statutory Exemption (Section 21080.69(a)(1) of California Public Resources Code)
- Ministerial (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sec. 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (14 Cal Code of Regs Sec. 15269(b),(c), (d) and (e))
- Categorical Exemption (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sections 15300 et seq.)

Section 15301 Class 1: Existing Facilities

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to 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 developed church site that would not result in a building expansion exceeding 10,000 square feet in floor area and is not located within an area that is considered environmentally sensitive. 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: Derek Bingham, Senior Planner **Telephone:** (949) 635-1800 Ext. 6705

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: _____



Name and Title: Derek Bingham, Senior Planner

Date: June 3, 2026