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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(PRC Section 21152; CEQA Guidelines Section 15062)

Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21152(b) and CEQA Guidelines § 15062, the notice should be posted with the County Clerk by mailing the form and posting fee payment to the following address: Los Angeles County Clerk/Recorder, Environmental Notices, P.O. Box 1208, Norwalk, CA 90650. Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21167 (d), the posting of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to reliance on an exemption for the project. Failure to file this notice as provided above, results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

PARENT CASE NUMBER(S) / REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS ZA-2026-740-CUB-CUX / Conditional Use	SCH NUMBER
LEAD CITY AGENCY City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)	CASE NUMBER ENV-2026-741-CE
PROJECT TITLE 818 W Wilshire Blvd	COUNCIL DISTRICT 14 - Jurado
PROJECT LOCATION (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map) 818 West Wilshire Boulevard (818, 820, 822, 824, 830, 832, 834, 836, and 888 West Wilshire Boulevard, 641 South Lebanon Street, 640 South Figueroa Street)	☐ Map attached.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 3,915 square-foot restaurant with a 1,219 square-foot mezzanine area for a total floor area of 5,134 square feet. The restaurant and mezzanine areas will provide 122 indoor seats with hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m., daily. The project also involves a Class 2 Conditional Use Permit to allow live entertainment (i.e., disc jockey, karaoke, piano bar and singers, live bands) and patron dancing. The project will not involve any demolition of the existing on-site structures, nor will it propose the removal of any protected or street trees or demonstrate any unusual circumstance.	
NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER: Rodney Valentine, Big City Entertainment Group (A) / 824 Wilshire LLC (O)	
CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above) Wil Nieves, Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Company	(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER EXT. (310)634-4553

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check all boxes, and include all exemptions, that apply and provide relevant citations.)

STATE CEQA STATUTE & GUIDELINES

☐ STATUTORY EXEMPTION(S)

Public Resources Code Section(s) _____

☒ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION(S) (State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301-15333 / Class 1-Class 33)CEQA Guideline Section(s) / Class(es) **Section 15301, Class 1**☐ OTHER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION (E.g., CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) or (b)(4) or Section 15378(b))

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:

☐ Additional page(s) attached

The project is exempt because it involves the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption and patron dancing in conjunction with a restaurant; the project does not involve the demolition or construction of any existing improvements on the project site. None of the exceptions to the Categorical Exemption Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies to the proposed project. (a) Location: The project is not located within a hillside area nor does the subject site contain an officially mapped environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern. (b) Cumulative Impact: The proposed project will not result in significant cumulative impacts from successive projects of the same type in the same place as it involves the sale of alcoholic beverages in a commercial zone. (c) Significant Effect: The project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Most lots are developed with mid- and high-rise commercial structures, and the subject site is of similar size and slope to nearby properties. The project site is located in a typical urbanized area of the Downtown Community Plan, and the project would be consistent with the designated zoning and would adhere to all requirements of the LAMC. The project is not unusual for the vicinity of the site, and is similar in scope to other existing commercial uses in the area. Furthermore, there is not a reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. (d) Scenic Highways: The project is not in the vicinity of a state scenic highway and will not damage scenic resources in a state scenic highway. (e) Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 related to hazardous waste sites. (f) Historical Resources: Per ZIMAS, SurveyLA, and/or Historic Places LA, the project site is not identified or eligible as a historical resource. The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

☒ None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project.

☐ The project is identified in one or more of the list of activities in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines as cited in the justification.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.

If different from the applicant, the identity of the person undertaking the project.

CITY STAFF USE ONLY:

CITY STAFF NAME AND SIGNATURE

David Woon

STAFF TITLE

Planning Assistant

ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED

Conditional Use

DISTRIBUTION: County Clerk, Agency Record

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