ORANGE COUNTY
CLERK-RECORDER
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

30-07/13/2026-0608

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By _____
Deputy clerk

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Project Title

CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL

Check Document being Filed:

- [ ] Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- [ ] Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- [x] Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- [ ] Other (Please fill in type):

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BY: KD DEPUTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION **Filing Fee Exempt Per Gov. Code § 6103**

TO: County Clerk-Recorder
County of Orange
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

FROM: City of Orange
Community Development Department
300 E. Chapman Ave.
Orange, CA 92866

Project Title: California Republic Leadership Academy Public Elementary Charter School

Project Applicant: 2000 Chapman, Inc. 1937 and 2011 W. Chapman Ave, Orange, CA 92866

Project Location: 1937 and 2011 W. Chapman Avenue Locations (please see attached location maps)

Project Location – City: City of Orange **Project Location – County:** County of Orange

Description, Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of converting an existing commercial building and establishing a new 864-student charter elementary school. The existing facilities will include interior improvements to create additional classroom from existing space. The two new play areas will be constructed and replace 111 existing off-street parking spaces on site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Orange

Applicant or Agency Carrying Out Project: 2000 Chapman, Inc.

Exempt Status:
☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269)
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 15269)
☐ General Rule (Sec. 15061)
☐ Statutory Exemption:
☒ Categorical Exemption: Class 1 §15301 (Existing Facilities)

Reasons why project is exempt: The CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 categorically exempts projects that involve the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project is categorically exempt because because the project involves a negligible expansion of an existing use, consisting of interior tenant improvements of the two existing buildings, and conversion of two new play areas from the existing parking lot. There is no environmental public review required for a Categorical Exemption. The proposed work would occur within the existing property, does not otherwise

expand the existing use and does not trigger the exceptions to exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Contact Person: Lauren Briggs, Planning Technician
Phone: (714) 744-7220

Lead Agency Signature: _____ **Date:** 7/10/26
Lauren Briggs, Planning Technician, City of Orange

Fish & Game Fees: Pursuant to Section 711.4(c)(2)(A) of the California Fish and Game Code and 14 CCR § 753.5, this project is exempt from the required fees, as it is exempt from CEQA.

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
30-07/13/2026-0608

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
CITY OF ORANGE		07/13/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
ORANGE COUNTY		202685000831

PROJECT TITLE

CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
2000 CHAPMAN, INC.			(714) 744-7220
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1937 AND 2011 W. CHAPMAN AVE	ORANGE	CA	92868

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☒ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$ 4,227.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$ 3,043.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$ 1,437.25	$

☒ Exempt from fee
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$ 850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
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