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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

DIR-2024-6638-CDO / Community Design Overlay Director's Determination

LEAD CITY AGENCY**City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)****CASE NUMBER**

ENV-2024-6639-CE

PROJECT TITLE

Tokyo Central Specialty Market

COUNCIL DISTRICT

CD 14 – Ysabel Jurado

PROJECT LOCATION (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map)

119, 123, 135, and 155 S. Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka Street; and 227 and 241 East Second Street

☐ Map attached.**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**☐ Additional page(s) attached.

A Director's Determination, granting a Community Design Overlay (CDO) Plan Approval in the Little Tokyo CDO for the removal of 39 wall signs and the installation of 40 wall signs along the street-facing façade and interior courtyard of an existing three-story commercial shopping center. The 40 new wall signs, which comprise approximately 321.10 square-feet, include one (1) non-illuminated sign, two (2) illuminated signs, three (3) non-illuminated door headers, and 34 vinyl decal stickers, all of which will read "Tokyo Central Specialty Market".

NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER:**Minami Arai, Marukai Corporation****CONTACT PERSON** (If different from Applicant/Owner above)**Eric Newman, TDI Signs (Representative)****(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER****(805) 603-6229****EXT.****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) **CEQA Guidelines 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 exterior improvement of the façade of an existing three-story commercial shopping center with the removal of 39 existing wall signs and the installation of 40 new wall signs. None of the exceptions to the Categorical Exemption Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies to the proposed project. (a) Cumulative Impact: Per ZIMAS, the LADBS Haul Route Status Table, and Navigate LA, there are no concurrent approved or pending projects or haul routes within the same place of the project site. The proposed Project will not result in significant cumulative impacts from successive projects of the same type in the same place. (b) Significant Effect: The project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. All adjacent lots are developed with commercial and residential 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 Central City Community Plan, and the project would be consistent with the designated zoning and would adhere to all requirements of the LAMC, with the approval of the Community Design Overlay Plan Approval. The project is not unusual for the vicinity of the site, and is similar in scope to other existing residential and 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. The project site is not located in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. (c) 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. (d) Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 related to hazardous waste sites. (e) 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; no unusual circumstance is found.

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
Erick Morales



STAFF TITLE
Planning Assistant

ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED
Community Design Overlay Director's Determination

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