

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): City of El Monte

11333 Valley Boulevard

El Monte, CA 91731

(Address)

Project Title: CUP 30-2026

Project Applicant: Kevin Tang (Forge Athletics Performance LLC) and Jun Chen

Project Location - Specific:

4168 Arden Drive

Project Location - City: El Monte

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No 30-2026 is requested to allow the use of four (4) indoor volleyball courts in an existing 39,961-square-foot tenant space in the M-2 General Manufacturing Zone.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of El Monte

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Forge Athletics Performance LLC

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 and section number: Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1 -- Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Staff determined that the request to establish and operate an indoor commercial recreational facility use meets the requirements under Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities). The project does not propose any expansions to the existing structure. The proposed indoor commercial recreational facility use complies with El Monte Municipal Code requirements.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Angie Mejicanos

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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:  Date: 08/12/2026 Title: Planning Technician

■ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____