

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Orange

601 N. Ross Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): City of Mission Viejo

200 Civic Center Drive

Mission Viejo, CA 92691

(Address)

Project Title: General Plan Amendment P-GPA2026-0005 - Amendment to the Housing Element of the City of Mission Viejo General Plan

Project Applicant: City of Mission Viejo

Project Location - Specific:

City-wide project - Amendment to Housing Element of the General Plan

Project Location - City: Mission Viejo

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A City-initiated petition for consideration of an amendment to Title 9 of the Mission Viejo Municipal Code, to establish zoning code amendments to implement Programs 4 (Replacement Housing) and Program 13 (Zoning Code Amendments), as identified in the Housing Plan of the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element and comply with various State laws addressing housing. A General Plan Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment (Zone Change) are proposed to create an emergency shelter residential overlay zone as identified in Program 13 of the Housing Element.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Mission Viejo

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Mission Viejo

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: Section 15060, subd. (c)(2), Section 15061, subd. (b)(3), and Section 15378 (b)(5)

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed General Plan Amendment, Zone Map Amendment (Zoning Change), and Development Code Amendment are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060, subd. (c)(2) because the amendments will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061, subd. (b)(3) because there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. All projects for which the amendments would apply will undergo separate CEQA review. In addition, adoption of the amendments does not constitute as a "project" within the meaning of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5) because CEQA does not apply to general policymaking and adoption procedures where there is no possibility that the action or activity in question will have the potential, itself, to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cliff Jones, Planning & Economic Development Manager

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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: Cliff Jones **Date:** 9/23/2026 **Title:** Planning & Economic Development Manager

▪ 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: _____