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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
Submitted via online at: <https://ceqasubmit.lci.ca.gov/>

Project Title and File Number: Oakhouse Church Modular B Changed Plan (Planning Application RSM 26-009)

Project Applicant: Oakhouse Church
30605 Avenida de las Flores
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Telephone Number: (949) 216-0334

Project Location: 30605 Avenida de las Flores, Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688 (Orange County)

Project Description: A Changed Plan to Planning Application RSM 26-001, to allow a 2,160 square foot classroom modular building (Modular B) to replace a geodesic dome structure previously approved through Planning Application RSM 26-001 on an existing church site. All church operations and uses previously approved through Planning Application RSM 26-001 would not be modified with the approval.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Statutory Exemption (Section 21080.69(a)(1) of California Public Resources Code)
- ☐ Ministerial (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sec. 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sec. 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sec. 15269(b),(c), (d) and (e))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption (14 Cal Code of Regs. Sections 15300 et seq.)

Section 15301 Class 1: Existing Facilities

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 (*Existing Facilities*) categorical exemption since the proposed project involves an existing developed church site that will not result in a building expansion exceeding 10,000 square feet in floor area and is not located within an area that is considered environmentally sensitive. All necessary public services and facilities are already available to the proposed project site, and approval of the proposed project would not result in significant adverse effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality.

Lead Agency: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

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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: _____



Name and Title: Derek Bingham, Principal Planner

Date: October 2, 2026