NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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SUBJECT: Filing of **Notice of Exemption** in compliance with Section 15062 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title and File No.: Conditional Use Permit for Mariners Church North-East Irvine (File No. 00985810-PCPM)

Project Location: (include County) 9500 Toledo Way in Planning Area 35 (Irvine Spectrum 2), in the City of Irvine, County of Orange, CA

Project Description: Conditional use permit to convert an existing 36,000-square-foot office building to allow it to be used for church purposes with administrative relief to allow the use of off-site parking (55 spaces) at 9451 Toledo Way.

Approving Public Agency: City of Irvine
Zoning Administrator
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Approval Date: October 28, 2026
Resolution No. 26-1660

Project Applicant: Blake Crane, Mariners Church
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Exempt Status:
(check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption:
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: **Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities**
- ☐ General Rule Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities. Class 1 allows for minor alterations to existing structures that involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the submitted application. The proposed conditional use permit will allow Mariners Church to occupy an existing office building and make minor interior and exterior improvements to convert the building into a place of worship for church parishioners without expanding the total building square footage. The church will also use off-site parking spaces at 9451 Toledo Way on the weekends.

Adam Wong, Associate Planner	Adam Wong	10/28/2026
Name and Title	**Signature**	**Date**

Date received for filing at OPR: