NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Community Development Department
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SUBJECT: Filing of **Notice of Exemption** in compliance with Section 15062 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Project Title and File No.: Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity for Super Irvine (File No. 00988924-PABC)

Project Location: (include County) 5331 University Drive in Parkview Center, Planning Area 20 (University Park), in the City of Irvine, County of Orange, CA

Project Description: Allow a Type 21 (Off-Sale General) alcoholic beverage control license for Super Irvine, an existing supermarket within a neighborhood retail center.

Approving Public Agency: City of Irvine
Zoning Administrator
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Approval Date: October 28, 2026
Resolution No. 26-1659

Project Applicant: Aria Market Corp.
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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 for 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, for Existing Facilities. Class 1 permits the operation of private structures that involve negligible or no expansion of existing uses. The proposed project involves a determination that the issuance of a Type 21 ABC license for an existing supermarket would provide a public convenience or necessity, which does not involve any expansion or modification to the existing building. The result of the project would be that alcoholic beverages would be allowed to be sold at the supermarket in addition to its existing selection of specialty groceries and international products.

Michael O'Toole, Associate Planner		October 28, 2026
Name and Title	**Signature**	**Date**

Date received for filing at OPR: