

EXHIBIT I

Notice of Exemption (ENV-2023-6040-CE)

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(PRC Section 21152; CEQA Guidelines Section 15062)

Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21152(b) and CEQA Guidelines § 15062, the notice should be posted with the County Clerk by mailing the form and posting fee payment to the following address: Los Angeles County Clerk/Recorder, Environmental Notices, P.O. Box 1208, Norwalk, CA 90650. Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21167 (d), the posting of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to reliance on an exemption for the project. Failure to file this notice as provided above, results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

PARENT CASE NUMBER(S) / REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS
CPC-2016-3182-CA-AMDT2

LEAD CITY AGENCY
City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)

CASE NUMBER
ENV-2023-6040-CE

PROJECT TITLE
Redevelopment Plan Procedures Reinstatement Ordinance

COUNCIL DISTRICT
All

PROJECT LOCATION (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map)
Citywide

Map attached.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
An Ordinance amending the provisions of Ord. 187,712 that reinstates the regulations for development applications and approvals in the City's Redevelopment Plan Areas, namely Sec. 11.5.14 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). Section 11.5.14 was inadvertently removed from Ord. 187,712 and must now be reinstated through a legislative action pursuant to the LAMC to be operative in alignment with Ord. 187,712.

Additional page(s) attached.

NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER:

CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above)
Roberto Luna

(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER | EXT.
(213) 473-9701

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check all boxes, and include all exemptions, that apply and provide relevant citations.)
STATE CEQA STATUTE & GUIDELINES

- STATUTORY EXEMPTION(S)
Public Resources Code Section(s) _____
- CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION(S) (State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301-15333 / Class 1-Class 33)
CEQA Guideline Section(s) / Class(es) _____
- OTHER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION (E.g., CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) or (b)(4) or Section 15378(b))
State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15061(b)(3) and/or Sec. 15378(b)(5)

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: Additional page(s) attached

See attached.

None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project.
 The project is identified in one or more of the list of activities in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines as cited in the justification.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.
If different from the applicant, the identity of the person undertaking the project.

CITY STAFF USE ONLY:

CITY STAFF NAME AND SIGNATURE Roberto Luna 	STAFF TITLE City Planning Associate
ENTITLEMENTS APPROVED Code Amendment	

JUSTIFICATION FOR CEQA EXEMPTION

The Department of City Planning has determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the proposed Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3) and Section 15378(b)(5), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.

The proposed Ordinance consists of reinstating administrative procedures for Redevelopment Plan Area project requests as well as the removal of two Redevelopment Plans that have expired (the Chinatown Redevelopment Plan, as adopted by Ordinance No. 153,365; and the North Hollywood Redevelopment Plan, as adopted by Ordinance No. 171,745) both of which have no effect on the physical environment.

Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the proposed Ordinance is not a project under CEQA, because “the activity is covered by the common sense exception that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.”

The proposed Ordinance is also not a project under CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) because “organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment” are not considered a project. The proposed Ordinance does not change any discretionary actions into non-discretionary actions. Therefore, the proposed Ordinance will continue to ensure that projects meet all procedural requirements of CEQA, and that impacts are analyzed and environmental mitigations are imposed where necessary and appropriate. Furthermore, the proposed Ordinance does not change the zoning of any properties and is limited to administrative provisions for processing Redevelopment Plan Area approval requests and appeals. Therefore, the proposed Ordinance does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and is not considered a project under CEQA.