

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**From:**  
 County of Los Angeles  
 Department of Health Services  
 238 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Los Angeles, CA 90014

**PROJECT TITLE:** Santa Fe Springs Transitional Living Center Project

**ORIGINAL FILED**

**PROJECT APPLICANT:** The Salvation Army

**JUN 21 2019**

**PROJECT LOCATION – Specific:** 12000 Washington Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90606

**LOS ANGELES, COUNTY CLERK**

**PROJECT LOCATION – City:** Santa Fe Springs

**PROJECT LOCATION – County:** Los Angeles

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:** The proposed Project involves the renovation of a 2,204 square foot (sf) interior portion of the existing 32,976 sf Transitional Living Center to provide transitional housing/shelter for up to 24 homeless women. The 3.54-acre Project site is fully developed with buildings and surface parking. The Transitional Living Center currently operates as transitional housing facility with 28 bedrooms that can accommodate 28 homeless families, with bathrooms, a commercial kitchen, program areas, and administrative offices. The proposed Project would renovate a 2,204-sf interior portion of the building that currently consists of office space in order to accommodate 6 bedrooms (with 4 beds per room) and bathrooms for up to 24 homeless women. The proposed Project also involves facility upgrades, including: the replacement of several exterior windows with Title 24 compliant, energy-efficient windows; demolition of drywall, flooring, and drop ceilings; installation of new plumbing, fire sprinklers, interior finishes; and replacement of the heating and ventilation (HVAC) system, including ducting and registers to bring the rooms up to Building Code standards. A new sewer pipeline would be required to connect the plumbing in the new bathrooms to the existing on-site 4-inch sewer line, which would require minor trenching below and adjacent to the building pad. The proposed Project does not include any off-site construction or improvements and the proposed Project would not increase the existing building's size or footprint.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The Salvation Army and Brilliant Corners

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268).
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec 21080(b)(4); 15269(c))
- Categorical Exemption: State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a), (d), (e) and (f); Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(b); Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, CEQA Guidelines 15303(b), (c) and (d); and a Class 32, In-fill Development Project, CEQA Guidelines 15332(a) through (e). County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Procedures and Guidelines -- Class 1 (d), (g), (i), and (l); Class 2 (a); and Class 3 (a), (d), (k), and (n).
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** See Attachment A, which is incorporated herein. [Governor's Office of Planning & Research](#)

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Cheri Todoroff, Director Telephone: (213) 833-5350

**JUN 12 2019**

**IF FILED BY APPLICANT:** Not Applicable

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

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:** Cheri Todoroff **Date:** 6/11/19 **Title:** Director, Housing for Health

Signed by Lead Agency  
 Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

## ATTACHMENT A

**Supporting Information for the Transitional Living Center Project  
County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services**

The Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services (DHS), in its capacity as the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has reviewed the proposed Santa Fe Springs Transitional Living Center Project (Project) and has determined that the appropriate environmental compliance documentation includes Categorical Exemptions (CEs) and a Statutory Exemption- Emergency Projects. This Project would qualify under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, "Existing Facilities" CE a CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, Class 2, "Replacement or Reconstruction" CE, a CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, Class 3, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures" CE, a CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Class 32, "In-Fill Development Projects" CE, and a Statutory Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c).

The proposed Project fits within the parameters of these CE classes because it involves the renovation of a 2,204 square foot (sf) interior portion of the existing 32,976 sf Transitional Living Center to provide transitional housing/shelter for up to 24 homeless women. The proposed Project also involves facility upgrades, including: the replacement of several exterior windows with Title 24 compliant, energy-efficient windows; demolition of drywall, flooring, and drop ceilings; installation of new plumbing, fire sprinklers, interior finishes; replacement of the heating and ventilation (HVAC) system, including ducting and registers to bring the rooms up to Building Code standards; and a new sewer pipeline to connect the bathrooms to the existing on-site 4-inch sewer line. In summary, the proposed Project involves: the minor alteration of an existing facility involving negligible expansion of use (Class 1); reconstruction of an existing structure on the same site with substantially the same purpose and capacity (Class 2); construction of new facilities where only minor modifications are required to the exterior of the structure (Class 3); is characterized as in-fill development (Class 32); and meets the required criteria to be covered under Article 18, Statutory Exemptions, of the CEQA Guidelines (see CEQA Section 21080(b)(4), CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) – Emergency Projects).

The proposed Project does not trigger any of the additional conditions described in Section 15300.2, Exceptions, of the State CEQA Guidelines, as follows:

a. Location: The Project is not located in a particularly sensitive environment. The site is in a highly urbanized area of Santa Fe Springs. The Project includes interior renovations and minor trenching that would not impact off-site properties and no sensitive biological resources would be affected by the Project. The Project site would not develop habitable structures within a known earthquake fault area, or an area susceptible to liquefaction or landslides.

b. Cumulative Impact: The Project would decrease peak-hour vehicle trips from the previous office uses. The Project would not generate any significant environmental impacts or have any cumulatively considerable contribution to impacts related to any State CEQA Guidelines environmental topics.

c. Significant Effects: Neither the Project site, nor the proposed Project, have any features or characteristics that would distinguish it from others typically included in the exempt classes; therefore, there are no unusual Project features or circumstances in the context of local conditions.

d. Scenic Highways: No officially designated scenic highways are located near, or within the viewshed, of the Project site.

e. Hazardous Waste Sites: The Project site is not identified on the Cortese List or any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

f. Historical Resources: A Historic Resource Assessment concluded that the property does not include historic resources and would not directly or indirectly affect an historic resource.