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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 312963

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 2 1 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT THE APPROVAL OF AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SUSPENDING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR NON-DEVELOPEMNT PROJECTS AND AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE LIMITING POSTING REQUIREMENTS ARE STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15269(c) AND 15359.

WHEREAS, Citywide emergency ordinances are necessary for suspending the City of San Diego's application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for certain actions, and temporary changes to the San Diego Municipal Code related to Notices of Right to Appeal Environmental Determinations, and other procedures related to the application of the statutory emergency project exemption under CEQA during the state of emergency resulting from the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 (Project); and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature, through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code sections 21000-21177, has determined that CEQA does not apply to various types of projects listed therein; and

WHEREAS, CEQA section 21084 states that the CEQA Guidelines shall list those classes of Projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall be exempt from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, CEQA Guidelines sections 15260-15285 list the statutory exemptions promulgated by the California State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has established that the Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15269(c) and 15359; and

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WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego has considered the potential

environmental effects of the Project, and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2020, the City Council held a duly noticed public meeting and

considered the written record for the Project as well as any public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego, using its independent judgment, has

determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment because the

Project is consistent Executive Order N-32-20 and is necessary to prevent or mitigate an

emergency, and is also necessary to address a sudden and unexpected occurrence involving a

clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss of, or

damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services related to the novel coronavirus -

COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic, if left unaddressed, will result in an immediate

public health crisis, and this action is necessary to prevent of mitigate loss of life, health, and

essential public services; and

WHEREAS, under Charter section 280(a)(3) this resolution is not subject to veto by the

Mayor because the Project involves emergency ordinances due to the state of emergency

resulting from the novel coronavirus; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA

Guidelines sections 15269(c) and 15359.

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