

City of Rancho Santa Margarita
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: X County of Orange X Office of Planning and Research
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601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Project Title and File Number: Lulu's Café (Planning Application RSM 22-009)

Project Applicant: Lulu's Café **Telephone Number:** (562) 964-9307
22312 El Paseo, Suite A
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Project Location: 22312 El Paseo, Suite A
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Project Description: A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for alcoholic beverage retail sales, outdoor dining, and live entertainment and dancing for a new restaurant to occupy an existing restaurant space located in the Plaza El Paseo shopping center. Modifications to the existing floor area or building footprint are not proposed.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268));
- Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3);15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption (state type, section and class number)

Section 15301 Class 1: Existing Facilities

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 (*Existing Facilities*) categorical exemption since the proposed restaurant with alcoholic beverage retail sales, outdoor dining, and live entertainment and dancing will occupy an existing restaurant space within a developed shopping center that will not increase the existing building footprint beyond the existing area. Furthermore, all necessary public services and facilities are already available to the proposed project site, and approval of the proposed project will not result in significant adverse effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

Lead Agency: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Contact Person: Derek Bingham, Associate Planner

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If filed by Applicant: N/A

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: Derek Bingham
Name and Title: Derek Bingham, Associate Planner
Date: August 3, 2022