

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From:  
City of Garden Grove  
P. O. Box 3070  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92842



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Orange County Clerk Recorder  
County Administration South Building  
601 N. Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-259-2024

Project Location - Specific: Southwest corner of Katella Avenue and Euclid Street at 10912 Katella Avenue

Project Location - City: Garden Grove Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Project: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new church/religious facility, which would include church services, an accredited bible college, and a child day care, all within an existing 46,287 square foot tenant space. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Garden Grove Planning Commission  
Address: 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92842

Name of Applicant or Agency Carrying Out Project: Freedomhouse OC (Josiah Silva)  
Address: 464 W. Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832  
Phone: (714) 773-0012 Email: pastorjosiah@thefreedomhouse.org

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- XX Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section No. 15301 – Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: CEQA's Class 1 exemption applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, and minor alterations of existing facilities, with negligible or no expansion of use (CEQA Guidelines §15301.). The subject request for the operation of the religious facility does not involve any physical expansion of the existing building. The subject request does not involve any new building square footage, and the proposed construction involves only alterations to the interior of the existing building, and the creation of an exterior playground. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Priit Kaskla Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 741-5312

If filed by applicant:

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: *M. Kaskla* Date: 4/22/24 Title: Planning Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:  
 Signed by Applicant