



Date
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City of Yorba Linda
4845 Casa Loma Avenue
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Re: Yorba Linda California Temple
HKS Project No. 24551

Dear staff members of the City of Yorba Linda:

In conjunction with the conditional use permit and design review applications, the following is a letter describing the proposed use and a description of building operations for the Yorba Linda California Temple project for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Yorba Linda California Temple will be religious assembly facility owned and operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The new Temple will replace the church's existing meetinghouse on the site. The temple is approximately 30,000 gross square feet split between a small basement area, the primary main floor level and a mechanical penthouse. The site will be redeveloped to provide new parking, garden and hardscape areas around the temple. A small grounds maintenance building will be included in the new work. A screened equipment yard will contain large mechanical equipment such as a chiller and emergency generator. The site will be fenced to allow the site to be closed after operating hours. The building includes a spire/tower for religious significance, central to the mass of the building. The façade and spire will be lit at night, also for religious significance. The building and site will be constructed of high-quality, long-lasting materials. Landscape materials and design will be water-conscious.

Temples differ from meetinghouses in their function. The current meetinghouse on site is used primarily for Sunday worship services and has limited membership activities during the week, mostly in the evenings, before 9:00 pm. The Temple functions as a location where membership can come individually or in groups to receive religious instruction, participate in marriage ceremonies and baptisms. Temples operate Tuesday through Saturday and are closed on Sunday. Mondays are used for building maintenance. Typical hours of operation, Tuesday through Saturday, are 6:30am to 9:00pm. Occupancy levels vary throughout the day. Employees work in different shifts where the peak overlap of Temple staff is approximately 50 people. Patrons come and go throughout the day with an average of about 200 patrons in the building at a time. Friday evenings and Saturdays are typically the highest use time periods. Many patrons and staff members carpool to the temple as couples or in groups.

The site is within a zoning district which requires new site development for religious assembly buildings to go through a conditional use permit and design review process. For this reason, the application for the project is being submitted to the City of Yorba Linda.

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