

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 10429**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE ATEGORICALLY
EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

APPLICANT: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fresno
2344 Tulare Street, suite 200
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Portion of Santa Clara Street, between N street and O
Street in downtown Fresno

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The scope of work for the proposed project to rededicate a portion of Santa Clara Street, between N Street of O Street in downtown Fresno. This portion of Santa Clara Street was previously vacated to accommodate a 9.72 acre commercial and mix use development. This development never materialized. This portion of Santa Clara Street was never developed and functions as a public street today as it always has since 1876 when it was originally dedicated for public street purposes.

This project is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2, apply to this project.

EXPLANATION: CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3) states that the project is exempt from CEQA if it is "covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. CEQA Guidelines Section 15382 defines a "significant effect on the environment" as a "substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fresno has owned this portion of land since 2004. The Agency has allowed the public to use this portion of their land for a

public street since they acquired it. There will be no new construction or development. This street will remain as it is today. The project will convert this land to a public street right of way and nothing more.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2, apply to this project. Therefore, no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project. A categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project and the area is not environmentally sensitive.

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