

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PC00326 and PC00319**

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

**APPLICANT:** City of Fresno  
Capital Projects Department  
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**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed project of California Tupman Park is located on the northeast corner of Cesar Chavez Boulevard and Tupman Avenue. The proposed project of Romain Park is located on the southeast corner of Thomas Avenue and First Street.

(Council Districts 3 and 7)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project includes play structure improvements at each of the existing park locations. The improvements at California Tupman Park will include replacement of three picnic tables, Measure P signage, and installation of a shade structure. The improvements at Romain Park will include, replacement of existing surfacing, deepened concrete playground curb and edge, Measure P signage, and installation of two waste receptacles.

**This project is exempt under Section(s) 15301/Class1 and 15302/Class2 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.**

**EXPLANATION:**

Class 1 exemptions, for projects pertaining to Existing Facilities, consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Examples include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety); Rehabilitation of existing facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety; and, the Addition of safety or health protection devices for use in conjunction with existing facilities, including navigational devices.

Class 2 exemptions, for projects involving Replacement or Reconstruction, consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as

the structure replaced. Examples include but are not limited to: Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and Conversion of overhead electric utility distribution systems to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding.

The project site is two existing parks: California Tupman Park and Romain Park. The proposed project includes replacing existing park amenities which will not negatively impact the existing characteristics of the area or the condition of the land. The project will install, repair, replace, or construct new public improvements, facilities, and structures within the two existing locations and will provide enhancements for public health and safety purposes within each park.

Based on the evaluation of the project components in relation to the CEQA categorical exemptions, it is determined that the proposed project qualifies for exemption from CEQA review. This project falls within the criteria of Class 1 (Section 15301) and Class 2 (Section 15302) and none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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