

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION NO. B22-02948**

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.

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PROJECT LOCATION: 1031 Fulton St (APN: 466-21-304)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Building Application No. B22-02948 was filed by Shaunt Yemenjian of Paul Halajian Architects, on behalf of HAVA Investment LLC and pertains to 0.09 acres of property.

The project proposes Facade Renovation at Historic Daily Expositor Building. Reconstruct upper missing portions of historic facade similar to original, Restore middle portions of existing facade similar to original, Construct new lower portion of facade to allow two new tenant entrances and a commercial storefront with references and imagery from the Daily Expositor historical archives and historic city scenes.

This project is exempt under Section 15331/Class 31 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

Under Section 15331/Class 31, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project consists of projects limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

The subject property is designated in the Local Register of Historic Resources. This project proposes the overall rehabilitation of a historic building which acknowledges the need to alter or add to a historic property to meet continuing or changing uses while retaining the properties historic character. The scope of work includes reconstruction of the parapet, restoration of existing historic facade and new construction of the first-story store front. The project proposes construction of new single-story wood frame construction office pavilion building. Exterior materials to be primarily wood board & batten exterior sheathing, aluminum frame glazing and

standing seam metal roof over flu-laminated beams and rafters. The parapet is an original feature of the historic structure, the reconstruction will remove top course of non-historic brick and rebuild the original roof line with complementary construction and materials to match the original feature (i.e. brick masonry); approximate maximum height between 6'-10'. The applicant has taken detailed survey of the brickwork for the restoration of existing historic façade, proposed work includes removal of paint from brick, repoint deteriorated, unsound brick and mortar joints, installation of terra cotta panel to match original feature, reconstruct decorative sawtooth course on the centerline, remove of non-historic infill brick and windows, restore masonry opening and provide window to the four-brick arched window and replace and patch damaged or missing brick to match original historic details. The proposed new construction on the first story is a store front which is purposefully differentiated from the original character of the building. Features include two new suite entry doors, terra cotta trim and butt-glazed curtain walls. This project from will be documented as record of the activities.. The rehabilitation of the existing building will be in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and in particular with Standards 1, 2, 5, 6 and 9.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. A categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project and the area is not environmentally sensitive.

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