

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE
GARO AND ALICE GUREGHIAN ARMENIAN CULTURAL CENTER**

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: 2348 Ventura Street; Located on the south side of Ventura Street
between “M” and “N” Streets (APN: 468-222-01)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Environmental Assessment was filed by Courtney Espinoza
of the City of Fresno – Grants Management Unit and pertains to
0.45 acres of property. The project proposes to install upgrades
to the existing Armenian Cultural Center, including, but not
limited to, new HVAC units, kitchen appliances, electrical wiring,
and plumbing.

**This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental
Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:**

Under Section 15301/Class 1, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when
the project consists 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 existing or former use. The key
consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

The proposed project will install new mechanical equipment and repair electrical and plumbing
systems within the existing Armenian Cultural Center. A block wall for security purposes will
also be constructed adjacent to the abutting alley. No expansion of the existing structure or use
is proposed.

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.

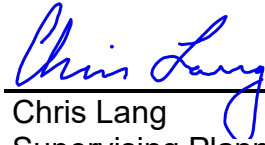
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