

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-16-013**

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:** UCP Tapestry, LLC  
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**PROJECT LOCATION:** Intersection of West Spruce Avenue (formerly North Josephine Avenue) with West Elgin and North Thiele Avenues within the City of Fresno; including, portion of West Spruce Avenue between North Thiele and West Devlan Avenues

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The scope of work for the proposed project includes the vacation of portions of public street easements previously dedicated for West Spruce (formerly North Josephine) and West Elgin Avenues; and, the relocation and reconstruction of public improvements (i.e., curb, gutter, sidewalk, drive approaches, street lights and transitional pavement), within the limits of the adjusted rights-of-way pursuant to the proposed vacations.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities), 15302 (Class 2/Replacement or Reconstruction), and 15303 (Class 3/New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

**EXPLANATION:** Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, 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. Example include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; and, Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

Section 15302 (Class 2/Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting 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 public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

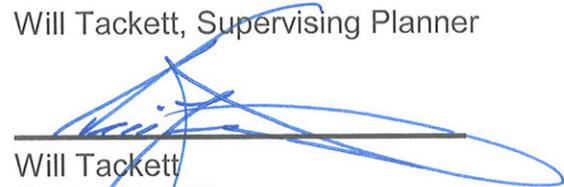
Section 15303 (Class 3/New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Examples include but are not limited to: Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements of reasonable length to serve such construction.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project; and, none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

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