

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P23-03246**

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:** Courtney Espinoza  
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**PROJECT LOCATION:** 1835 North Winery Avenue; Located on the west side of North Winery Avenue between East McKinley and East Clinton Avenues (APN: 494-152-25)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Environmental Assessment was filed by Courtney Espinoza of the City of Fresno – Grants Management Unit and pertains to 4.07 acres of property. The project proposes to install upgrades to the existing Valley Dream Center Gymnasium, including, but not limited to, lighting, flooring and seating, as well as installation of new HVAC units.

**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 renovate the existing gymnasium to meet current standards for safety, including upgrades to lighting, flooring and seating for sports activities, as well as install new HVAC systems, insulation, and other climate control measures. The project also proposes utilizing the gymnasium to organize youth basketball and volleyball practices, games and tournaments. 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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