CITY OF FRESNO CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P22-00989

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: 1940 Broadway Street; Located on the east side of Broadway

Street between El Dorado Street and Sacramento Street (APN:

466-182-39)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proposes the conversion of the existing 28 unit motel

to a 28 unit affordable housing development and includes site improvements and interior and exterior building improvements and repairs. The project also includes the approval of a resolution expressing the City's intent to contribute funding to the

project.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2 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. Under Section 15302/Class 2, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project consists 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.

The project proposes the conversion of motel units to affordable housing units and site improvements to the existing facility that involves negligible expansion of use. The project also includes the replacement and/or repair of existing site and building features. 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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