CITY OF FRESNO CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PC00212

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: City of Fresno Capital Projects Department 747 R Street, 2nd Floor, Fresno, CA 93721
- **PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed project is located on the southwest corner of Bulldog Lane and Sixth Street.

(Council District 4)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes remodeling an existing building. The remodel will include construction of accessibility improvements, reconfiguration and modernization of interior spaces, and heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) improvements.

This project is exempt under Section(s) 15301/Class1 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION:

The Class 1 exemption applies to projects involving 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. Examples include, but are not limited to, interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances. This project is exempt under Class 1 because it involves minor alterations to existing infrastructure and will not expand use of any facility beyond current capacity.

The project site is two existing buildings: a north building and south building. The project includes demolition within the existing south building that includes removal of existing windows, ceiling tiles and grid, gypsum board ceiling, non-structural walls, floor veneer and floor transitions as required to accommodate new construction. The improvements at the south building include new flooring that includes polished concrete, epoxy flooring, and sealed concrete. The Project encompasses the installation of wall structures to partition the various areas within the designated space at the south building. The mechanical upgrade within both the north and the south buildings includes necessary alterations to the existing HVAC system, especially involving modification to the ductwork. The plumbing upgrades in this project for the south building will involve the installation

of new hot-water and cold-water lines, as well as sewage lines. These upgrades are necessary to accommodate the installation of necessary fixtures to the existing water heater and new lavatory within the south building. As part of the electrical upgrades to the south building, the project entails the installation of new lighting fixtures, and an upgraded fire alarm system.

Based on the evaluation of the project components in relation to the CEQA categorical exemptions, it is determined that the proposed project qualifies for exemption from CEQA review. This project falls within the criteria of Class 1 (Section 15301) and none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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