CITY OF FRESNO
NO POSSIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. TA-17-006

APPLICANT: The City of Fresno, Development and Resource Management Dept.
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: City-wide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to amend Section 15-2739 of the Fresno Municipal Code which pertain to marijuana regulations as follows:

The amendment specifically proposes to a) define "Marijuana", "Marijuana Dispensary", a "Commercial Marijuana Operation" and "Consumption of Marijuana", b) prohibit "consumption of marijuana" in public c) prohibit "marijuana dispensaries" in all zone districts in the City and d) prohibit "commercial marijuana operations" in all zone districts in the City, with the exception of laboratory testing in industrial districts.

This project is exempt under Section 15061 (b) (3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION: The State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act provide for the exemption of projects which will clearly have no significant effect on the environment. More specifically, Section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines states: "…CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA."

It has been determined that the above referenced project falls within the purview of Section 15061 (b) (3) and is, therefore, exempt from CEQA.

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