CITY OF FRESNO CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-17-039

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: Jeff Ferrell of Embree Asset Group, Inc.

4747 William Drive Georgetown, TX 78633

PROJECT LOCATION: 4785 East Church Avenue: On the northwest corner of South

Chestnut and East Church Avenues. (See Exhibit B)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to relocate a portion of the Public Utility

Easement, as shown on Exhibit C. Based on a review of the proposed project by other City of Fresno Departments and outside reviewing agencies, the vacation is approved with conditions as

noted in Exhibit A.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301(c)/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Under the Section 15301(c)/Class 1 exemption, the minor alteration of existing public facilities, such as streets, sidewalks, etc., involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at this time, are exempt from CEQA requirements. The vacation will relocate an easement and return the property's usability over to the private property owner. The proposed vacation of the above-described land meets the criteria noted above. No significant effects would occur as a result of the proposed project. Therefore, the above described project complies with the conditions described in Section 15301/Class 1 of the CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Date:

December 19, 2017

Prepared By:

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Ofty of Fresno

Development and Resource Management Department

(559) 621-8068

Attachments:

Feasibility Study and its attachments, dated December 7, 2017, labeled Exhibit A

Vacation Exhibit, labeled Exhibit B Relocation Exhibit, labeled Exhibit C

Exhibit A



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Scott L. Mozier Public Works Director

December 7, 2017

Jeff Ferrell **Embree Asset Group, Inc.** 4747 Williams Drive Georgetown, TX 78633

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VACATION A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF EAST CHURCH AVENUE AND SOUTH CHESTNUT AVENUE

The vacation feasibility study you requested has been completed. Findings indicate the vacation proposal is feasible subject to the following conditions:

- 1. A.T & T. has existing facilities within the area proposed for vacation. This public utility easement cannot be finalized until said existing facilities are relocated. If you have any questions about this condition, please contact Paul Porter at (559) 259-2735.
- 2. P.G & E. has existing facilities within the area proposed for vacation. They required their facilities to be relocated and a new public utility easement be recorded (if necessary), prior to this vacation being finalized. If you have any questions about this condition, please contact Chris Woods at (559) 593-5413.
- Comcast has existing facilities within the area proposed for vacation. This public utility
 easement cannot be finalized until said existing facilities are relocated, along with
 compensation for said relocation.. If you have any questions about this condition,
 please contact Cory Sue at (559) 455-4221.

We will also need: an 8.5" X 11" vicinity map for the City Council Staff Report showing the vacation area relative to the nearest main streets within a mile of the project with the title of: Attachment 1 Vicinity Map.

A processing fee in the amount of \$1,555.00 is required to cover the cost of administration and legal notices prior to continuing this process for City Council action. An Environmental Assessment (EA) for the entire project that accurately addresses the vacation is required to proceed with the vacation. If you do not have one, the EA application and fee should be submitted to the City of Fresno's Development & Resource Management Department (DARM). The planner for the can provide you with further information about the environmental assessment. Once the EA has been completed, please provide a copy to us.

For your information, the City of Fresno has only an easement interest in the subject area and the City has no legal authority to make a determination as to what portion of the underlying fee title to the vacated area may be added to adjacent properties.

The study done for this proposed vacation will expire in one year. Therefore, please notify this office by December 7, 2018, of your intention regarding the pursuit of this vacation.

Please contact me at 621-8681 or by email at Jason.Camit@fresno.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason A. Camit, PLS *Chief Surveyor*

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