

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

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Lead Agency: City of Richmond
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SUBJECT: Filing of NOE in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): SCH NO. 2008022018

Project Title: Portside Commerce Center

Project Applicant: CA Ventures


Project Location (include county): 1411 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA 94804

Project Description: The approved project will redevelop the project site to demolish the existing abandoned metal warehouse (comprising approximately 80,000 square feet) and redevelop the project site with a new warehouse building totaling approximately 214,900 square feet, with approximately 184,800 square feet of warehouse space and 30,100 square feet of office space, with 43 loading docks, 239 auto parking stalls (24 EV charging space), a trailer/container yard (able to stack at least two containers high), a designated maritime loading area, a public outlook area, and associated improvements to Harbour Way South. The prospective tenant would be Moxion Power (Moxion), which would use the space for a battery assembly facility to expand production of all-electric, battery powered mobile charging units near Moxion's existing headquarters in Richmond. The south end of the property will be reserved for the City to use at a future time (e.g., maintenance, longshoremen facilities, homeland security, etc.) and will also allow for a buffer between the secure warehouse areas and the ferry terminal parking lot. The warehouse would be located on the eastern border of the property site along Harbour Way South. The maximum height of the proposed Project buildings would be 57 feet.

This is to advise that the City of Richmond as the Lead Agency for the above-described project has determined that the approved project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The purpose of this Notice of Exemption is to provide notice that the project is not subject to CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 and, as a result, would not have a significant effect on the environment.

See attached CEQA Exemption document dated December 2021 for a detailed description of why the project is exempt.

The project was approved by the Richmond City Council on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Signature (Public Agency): 

Title: Senior Planner

Date: December 15, 2022

Date received for filing at OPR: 12/15/2022