NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: City of Watsonville
Community Development Dept.
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

FILE NO.: App No. PP2022-3163

Project Title: Performing Arts Facility

Project Location - Specific: 375 Main Street

Project Location - City: Watsonville   **Project Location - County:** Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Special Use Permit with Environmental Review (App No. PP2022-3163) to allow for the establishment of performing arts facility within an existing 3,486± square foot commercial building.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Arts Council Santa Cruz County, 1070 River Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Exempt Status (check one):

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☑ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: <u>Class 1, Section 15301</u>
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: This project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption per Section 15301 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* as it involves the establishment of performing arts facility in an existing commercial building and does not involve an expansion or intensification of the existing commercial building.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Suzi Merriam   **Telephone:** 831-768-3074

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

Signature: _____   **Date:** <u>April 6, 2022</u>   **Title:** <u>CDD Director</u>

☑ Signed by Lead Agency   ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.   Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code