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From: City of Goleta  
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X Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** Amendment to the Visual and Historic Resources Element of the City of Goleta's General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan (GP/CLUP); Case No. 20-0004-GPA

**Project Applicant:** City of Goleta

**Project Location (Address and APN):** No address or APN; Citywide

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

**Case No. 20-0004-GPA**

Updates to four City of Goleta General Plan policies regarding landmark designation (VH 5.1), eligibility criteria (VH 5.2), alterations (VH 5.5) and demolition (VH 5.6) in order for the General Plan policies language to be more encompassing and general in nature. Changes are proposed in order to ensure consistency between the General Plan and the Ordinance with the General Plan outlining City policy and the Ordinance enacting the regulations. None of the edits or removal of Table 6-1 and Figure 6-2 from the Goleta GP/CLUP change the intent of what was originally adopted but are revised to reflect current best practices and the adoption by the City of a Historic Resources Inventory.

The beneficiaries of the project are the citizens of Goleta.

**Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:** City of Goleta

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Planning and Environmental Review Department

**Exempt Status:** *(check one)* – Case No. 20-0004-GPA

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269 (a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 15269 (b) (c))
- Categorical Exemption: §15061(b)(3) and §15378

**Reason(s) why the project is exempt:**

It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the General Plan Amendment would have potential for causing a significant effect on the environment

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given the nature of the project. Further the GPA would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment as the project revises the language of four existing General Plan policies, does not change the intent of the policies that are the subject of this amendment, and will not result in new development.

The City will continue to recognize the structures and sites listed in General Plan policy VH 5.1. as important historical resources along with those structures formally placed on the City's Historic Resources Inventory. In addition, the City will continue to have policies regarding the establishment of eligibility criteria (VH 5.2), process and considerations for alteration proposals to historic resources (VH 5.5.), and process and range of alternatives and mitigations associated with demolition requests (VH 5.6). Any subsequent requests that would be affected by these Historic Resources policies would be subject to their own individual CEQA analysis.

**City of Goleta Contact Person and Telephone Number:** Current Planning Manager Lisa Prasse; 805-961-7542.

*Lisa Prasse* *Current Planning Manager* *4/6/22*  
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Signature Title Date

**If filed by the 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

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083 and 211110, Public Resources Code  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152.1, Public Resources Code