

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
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**FROM:** CA Department of General Services  
707 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
West Sacramento, CA 95605

Paseo Paloma Affordable Housing Project

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## Project Title

The project is located on an approximately 2.5-acre portion of the existing Atascadero State Hospital property (APN 045-461-003) in southern Atascadero, at the El Camino Real frontage of the Atascadero State Hospital.

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## Project Location – Specific

San Luis Obispo

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## Project Location – County

The project site was identified by the State of California as “excess State-owned property” to develop for affordable housing under Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order N-06-19. Peoples’ Self-Help Housing staff secured site control via a Lease Option Agreement with the California Department of General Services, Department of Housing and Community Development, and State Hospitals in June 2023. The Paseo Paloma project would provide 72 multifamily homes, ranging from 1 bedroom to 3 bedrooms, along with common room facilities and outdoor amenities. The homes will be arranged in a series of three, 3 story buildings, sited on the corner of El Camino Real and Musselman Drive in a way that both addresses the streets – providing connectivity to the neighborhood, while simultaneously creating a sense of shelter and shared community within the project. The project includes compliance with all environmental rules, laws and regulations and design elements for air quality, biology, geology and soils, and tribal cultural and cultural resources.

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## Description of Nature and Purpose of Project

California Department of General Services

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## Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Department of General Services

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## Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project/Beneficiaries of Project

### Exempt Status: (Check One)

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ministerial            | {Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268}       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Declared Emergency     | {Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)}    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Emergency Project      | {Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)} |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption. | {Sec. 15332; Class: 32}         |

**Reasons why project is exempt:** DGS has determined that the project qualifies for Class 32 Categorical Exemption because the project is consistent with applicable objective general plan standards and criteria for multi-family development.

The project meets all criteria for the Class 32 Exemption, less than 3 acres, within City limits, surrounded by urban uses, not in an area with value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species, is adequately served

by all required utilities and public services. No exceptions apply which would preclude the use of an exception for this project.

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**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 *Jim Martone* Date 07/14/2023

Name (Print) Jim Martone