## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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**PROJECT TITLE:** Year of the Dragon Year Mural

**LOCATION:** El Presidio de Santa Barbara SHP

**COUNTY: Santa Barbara** 

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: SBTHP plans to produce a temporary mural that will be painted on the west exterior wall of the Jimmy's Oriental Gardens building at 126 E. Canon Perdido St. in El Presidio de Santa Barbara SHP in early February 2024 (Figs. 1-4). Currently, the exterior of the red brick wall is painted with white exterior latex paint. The available section of wall is 43.5 feet long with a maximum height of 17.25 feet at the gable for a total surface area of 646 square feet. The mural will be painted by local Filipino artist DJ Javier (Figs. 5-8) to celebrate the Chinese Year of the Dragon, and will be unveiled at a Lunar New Year community event on February 9, 2024. At this event, SBTHP will also host a community art show and event at El Presidio SHP featuring other local AAPI artists. The selected artists will bridge ethnic and generational differences in Santa Barbara's AAPI community. These projects are designed to raise awareness about and to showcase the AAPI community's historical and current cultural contributions to the greater Santa Barbara community. These projects are funded by a Stop the Hate grant to SBTHP.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRI	CT CARRYING OUT THE PROJ	JECT: Santa Barbara	I rust for Historic
Preservation			
EXEMPT STATUS:			
□ Declared Emergency (Sect	ion 15269(a))		
☐ Emergency Project (Section			
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section	on )		
⊠ Categorical Exemption			
Class: 1	Section: 15301		

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project includes the minor alteration of an existing structure that will have no expansion of the existing use. The mural is also temporary in nature, the wall will be returned to the original condition at the end of the designated period of display.

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