

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93001

From: City of Simi Valley
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Project Title: CUP-S-2023-0016

Project Location - Specific: 2811 Cochran Street

Project Location - City: Simi Valley **Project Location - County:** Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: _____
Request to allow a 5,287-square-foot banquet facility at an existing retail shopping center

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Simi Valley 04/04/2024
Date of Approval

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Victor Duran

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 15301
- Statutory Exemption. State code number _____
- Common Sense Exemption [Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Text of exemption and reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines, titled "Existing Facilities" states:

"Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects that might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use."

The proposed use for a banquet facility in an existing retail building constitutes the leasing of an existing private structure. There would not be any increase in the building square footage and no expansion of the existing land use. Therefore, the project is exempt from further review under CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA guidelines

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Zarui Chaparyan, Associate Planner **Area Code/Telephone:** (805) 583-6774

Signature:  _____ **Date:** 04/04/2024 **Title:** Associate Planner
Zarui Chaparyan

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____