

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION

RECORDING REQUESTED BY:
Name: CITY OF WALNUT CREEK

Address: C/O SUNG KWON
1666 NORTH MAIN STREET
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

Name:

Address:

2024-00183
FILED
May 28, 2024
KRISTIN B. CONNELLY
CLERK-RECORDER
By *[Signature]*
Deputy clerk

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TITLE OF DOCUMENT

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
 County of: Contra Costa
 555 Escobar Street
 Martinez, CA 94553

From: (Public Agency): City of Walnut Creek - Lead agency, Sung Kwon
1666 North Main Street
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
 (Address)

Project Title: Objective Design Standards + Guidelines, Objective Development Standards, and Updates to the Design Review Process

Project Applicant: City of Walnut Creek, Sung Kwon, 925-943-5899 x2117

Project Location - Specific:
Citywide

Project Location - City: Walnut Creek Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of the preparation and adoption of certain Residential and Mixed-Use Residential Design Standards + Guidelines, and amending the Municipal Code to implement objective development standards for residential and mixed-use developments and an updated design review process. The proposed amendments would revise applicable design and development standards for residential and mixed-use projects and streamline the City's design review process applicable to all types of developments. Relatedly, the Project would also by reference the State CEQA Guidelines as local guidelines. The City Council adopted a resolution on May 21, 2024 approving the new Design Standards + Guidelines and incorporation of State CEQA Guidelines, and Introduced an ordinance implementing the Municipal Code amendments.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Walnut Creek, Sung Kwon, 925-943-5899 x2117

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Walnut Creek

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: 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant impact on the environment. The adoption of the DRSGs and recommended Municipal Code amendments would only change the deciding body for various entitlements, and replace existing subjective design standards for residential and mixed-use development projects with objective standards, which would not impact the physical allowances for development projects. These amendments would not approve any project or entitlements, and are regulatory actions taken by the City with no physical changes to the environment.

Lead Agency: Sung Kwon
 Contact Person: Ben Schuster Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 925-943-5899 x2117

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: [Signature] Date: May 28, 2024 Title: Assistant Community Development Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 07-05/28/2024-183
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF WALNUT CREEK, SUNG KWON	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/28/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2024-00183	
PROJECT TITLE		

OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS + GUIDELINES, OBJECTIVE DEVELOPEMENT STANDARDS, AND UPDATES TO THE DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF WALNUT CREEK, SUNG KWON	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (925) 943-5899
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1666 NORTH MAIN STREET	CITY WALNUT CREEK	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94596

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,051.25 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,916.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,377.25 \$ _____

- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE William Smiglewski Deputy Clerk
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