

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Rancho Cordova  
Public Works Department  
2729 Prospect Park Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

County Clerk-Recorder  
Sacramento County  
600 8th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: **ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLECKELY ST AND SCHIRRA AVE**

Project Location: Southeast corner of Bleckely St and Schirra Ave

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 067-0010-093-0000 (approximately 2.0-acre northwest portion)

Project Description: The City of Rancho Cordova proposes to purchase a vacant, approximately 2.0-acre property located at the southeast corner of Bleckely St and Schirra Ave. The city intends to use the site for the development of 70 units of affordable housing for very low income homeless and disabled veterans and homeless families and an approximately 4,000 square foot resident community building.

Lead Agency: City of Rancho Cordova

Applicant: City of Rancho Cordova  
2729 Prospect Park Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Exemption Status:  Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];  
 Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];  
 Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];  
 General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)];  
 Categorical Exemption [Section 15332, In-Fill Development Projects];  
 Approval of Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges [Section 21080(b)(8)(D)];  
 Statutory Exemption [Section 15194, Affordable Housing Exemption].

### REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT OR DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

The project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines [Section 15061(b)(3)], which states:

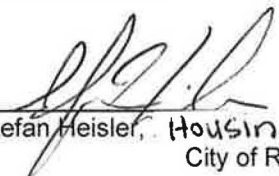
(b) A project is exempt from CEQA if:

(3) The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

The California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000, et. seq. of the California Public Resources Code, hereafter CEQA) requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary "projects." A "project," under CEQA, is

defined as "the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment." The acquisition of property by a public agency is a project as defined by CEQA. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), an activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The activity is not subject to CEQA where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

The City is currently purchasing the property. The approval of the property acquisition does not approve any physical development and would not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. The anticipated specific development project that may result from this property acquisition will be subject to a project-level environmental review and will be prepared to disclose potential environmental impacts of that development. However, because the current action would only result in the change of ownership of the property and no physical changes would occur on the site that could result in physical environmental effects, the activity is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

By   
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