

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Lead Agency): City of El Cerrito
10890 San Pablo Ave
El Cerrito, CA 94530. (510) 215-4330

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

(Address)

Project Title: El Cerrito Plaza BART TOD - Master Plan and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map

Project Applicant: The Related Companies of California, LLC
1310 Montgomery St., Suite 1310
San Francisco, CA 94101. (650) 465-0077

Project Location - Specific:

El Cerrito Plaza BART Station at 6699 Fairmount Ave. and Station Parking Lots

APNs: 504-050-012, 504-121-017, 504-122- 010, and 504-130-031

Project Location - City: El Cerrito Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The El Cerrito Plaza BART Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Master Plan includes five new multifamily residential and mixed-use buildings with a total of 673 new residential units and approximately 2,100 sq. ft. of ground floor retail. A 20,000 sq. ft. public library will be included if the City secures financing. The Master Plan does not include Parcel A South, a 70-unit affordable housing development located at 515 Richmond Street.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of El Cerrito

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project site is located on land owned by the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and is subject to Assembly Bill 2923 (Chiu, 2018). Assembly Bill 2923 allows the project to utilize the streamlined, ministerial review process set forth in Senate Bill 35. Ministerial projects are statutorily exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15268(a); thus, no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sean Moss, Planning Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-215-4359

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: 07/08/2024 Title: Planning Manager

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: