

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Santa Cruz

Governmental Center

701 Ocean St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): City of Santa Cruz
Planning Dept., 809 Center St, Room 101
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

(Address)

Project Title: Westside Village

Project Applicant: CRP Affordable Housing and Community Development

Project Location - Specific:

844, 850 Almar Avenue

Project Location - City: Santa Cruz

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of a coastal permit, design permit and density bonus request to construct a three-story, 38-unit 100% affordable residential building. The project includes a density bonus request pursuant to California Government Code sections 65915-65918, and the applicant has requested the granting of three waivers pursuant to provisions of state and local regulations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Cruz

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CRP Affordable Housing and Community Development

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: Section 15332, Class 32, Infill Development Projects
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project qualifies for Categorical Exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Class 32 for an infill development project. It is consistent with the General Plan and is also consistent with zoning regulations except as modified by State Density Bonus Law. The project site is less than five acres in size and is substantially surrounded by urban uses. The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species as it is not mapped for or adjacent to areas of potential sensitive habitat under the General Plan. The project would not result in significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and the site is within the urban services area and will be served by all utilities and public services. None of the exceptions to the exemptions under Section 15300.2 apply to the project in that the project is not part of a larger project that could result in a cumulative impact, there are no unusual circumstances associated with the project or subject parcel, the project will not result in damage to resources associated with an officially designated scenic highway, the project site is not included on any lists compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code related to Hazardous Waste Sites, and the project will not result in substantial adverse changes in the significance of a historical resource site in that there are no known historic resources on the property.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Rina Zhou

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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: _____ Date: Aug. 7, 2024 Title: Associate Planner II

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: _____