

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): City of Berkeley

County Clerk
 County of: Alameda

(Address)

Project Title: 844 University-ZP2024-0034

Project Applicant: Rhoades Planning Group, Mia Perkins

Project Location - Specific:

844 University Avenue

Project Location - City: Berkeley Project Location - County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would convert an existing vacant retail space to two additional classrooms and ancillary office space, install a fence, and expand an existing opening to serve the existing the current school population at a K-12 private school located adjacent to the project site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Berkeley

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Planning and 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: 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

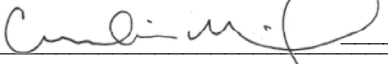
Reasons why project is exempt:

The project complies with this exemption because it is proposing a partial demolition of 126 square feet from the side of an existing structure, expansion of an existing egress door, replacement of a fence, and interior renovations to accommodate a conversion from an existing retail use to a school use. The project would not construct dwellings units or add new floor area, and as a result remains consistent with the criteria listed under this exemption. In addition, none of the exceptions to eligibility for a categorical exemption as listed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, apply to the project. The project is currently characterized as developed by the California Natural Diversity Database; therefore, it is not located in an environmentally sensitive area;

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Cecelia Mariscal Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-981-7439

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: 10/24/2024 Title: Associate Planner

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: _____