

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From: City of Goleta
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Exemption

Project Title: General Plan and Title 17 (Zoning) Amendments to Implement Housing Element 2023-2031 Programs (Case Nos. 21-0002-GPA and 24-0003-ORD)

Project Applicant: City of Goleta

Project Location (Address and APN): Citywide

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed amendments to the Conservation Element of the General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan and Title 17 (Zoning) of the Goleta Municipal Code, implement the Housing Element 2023-2031. The topics for these amendments include: Conversion of Conforming Residential Units, Mixed-Use Open Space Standards, Streamlining Affordable Housing Projects, Streamlining Small Mixed-Use Projects, Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA) Map Change Procedures, Revised Findings, Studio and 1-Bedroom Unit Parking Standards, and Density Bonus Regulations.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: City of Goleta

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: City of Goleta

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (§15268)
- Declared Emergency (§15269 (a))
- Emergency Project (§15269 (b) (c))
- Categorical Exemption: (Insert Type(s) and Section Number(s))
- Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code, §21083.3; CEQA Guidelines, §15183)
- Other: CEQA Guidelines, §15060(c)(3); §15378(a); §15378(b)(5); §15061(b)(3)

Reason(s) why the project is exempt:

On December 5, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution 23-63, adopting an Addendum to the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2005031151), which was certified in October 2006 by the City Council. The Addendum analyzed the environmental impacts of the amendments above related to Housing Element 2023-2031 implementation. The resolution to adopt the Addendum satisfied the City Council's obligations under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) with respect to adopting the amended Housing Element 2023-2031 and amending the General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan and Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code, as detailed in the Housing Element 2023-2031, and none of the

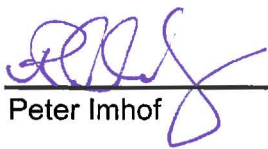
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conditions in Public Resources Code Section 21166 or State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations) Section 15162 apply. Thus, no further environmental review is required for the amendments to implement the Housing Element 2023-2031, as adoption of those amendments falls within the scope of the adopted Addendum and previously certified EIR.

Additionally, the amendments are not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(a) but it is an organizational or administrative activity by government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5). The amendments are also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the activity is covered by the general rule which exempts activities that can be seen with certainty to have no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Finally, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, projects that are consistent with the development density of existing zoning, community plan, or General Plan policies for which an EIR was certified shall be exempt from additional CEQA analysis, except as may be necessary to determine whether there are project-specific significant effects that are peculiar to the project or site that would otherwise require additional CEQA review. There is no new substantial information indicating that the impacts of adopting the amendments will be more severe than described in the General Plan EIR and there are no cumulative or off-site impacts from the proposed amendments that were not addressed in the General Plan EIR.

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12/3/24
Date