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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title:

Al Farooq Mosque

Control Number:

PLNP2024-00025

Project Location:

The project is located at 7486 Center Parkway, near the intersection of Center Parkway and East Parkway, in the South Sacramento community of unincorporated Sacramento county. The project is located in the Residential 5-acre (RD-5) zoning district. There is a swim club to the north and single-family residences to the east, west, and south.

APN:

050-0232-004-0000

Description of Project:

The project consists of the demolition of an existing 3,000 square-foot worship center built in 1958 and the construction of a new 6,200 square-foot mosque, on the same location as the demolished worship center. Existing parking facilities, accessible parking spaces, and driveways will require minor adjustments to meet Sacramento County requirements.

The project is also requesting the following entitlements:

1. A **Use Permit** to allow for the redevelopment of a mosque and associated parking lot that will exceed 150 persons capacity in the Residential-5 (RD-5) zoning district.
2. A **Design Review** to determine substantial compliance with the Sacramento County Countywide Design Guidelines (Design Guidelines).

Name of public agency approving project:

Sacramento County – ceqa@sacounty.gov

Person or agency carrying out project:

Name: Mahmoud Abdel-Hafez
Address: 4730 Goya Parkway, Sacramento CA, 95823
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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300 -15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of demolition and replacement of an existing worship center with a mosque. The new mosque will be located on the same site as the worship center it replaces and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing worship center it replaces. Therefore the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Section 15300.2-Exceptions

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *For Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11, will the project have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies?*

The Project Exemption is not one of the above Classes and this exception does not apply.

2. *Will cumulative impacts be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time?*

The demolition of the existing building and construction of the new mosque will not result in cumulative impacts. The mosque will be larger than the existing worship facility in order to facilitate more efficient services for the members. In the current building, a portion of worshippers must leave the existing building and move to two smaller buildings on site. The new building will be able to house all members under one roof. The construction of the new building will serve existing functions and would not expand operations. Therefore, the Project will not result in potentially significant impacts and no cumulative impacts will result from the Project and successive projects of the same type and at the same place over time.

3. *Is there a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?*

There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *Will the project result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway?*

River Road/ Highway 160 (from the Sacramento City Limits at the northern edge of Freeport to the southern tip of the Delta at Antioch Bridge) is a designated State Scenic Highway. The Project is 3.3 miles east of this scenic highway and is surrounded by urban development. Therefore, the project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway that is officially designated as a scenic highway.

5. *Is the project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?*

The Project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, the Project will not have an impact related to being located on a hazardous waste site.

6. *Will the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource?*

Although the building is over 50 years old, and considered historic, additional buildings that were added throughout history have reduced the integrity of the setting. Therefore, the Project site does not contain any historically significant resources.

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