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San Francisco Unified School District
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Submitted to:

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From: San Francisco Unified School District
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PROJECT TITLE: Sherman Elementary School – Window Replacement

Project Address: 1651 Union Street
San Francisco, CA 94123

Assessor's Parcel Number: 0545/001
County of: San Francisco

Project Description: This project consists of replacement of the windows facing North and South (facing Green and Union Streets) of the school building, including the large auditorium windows. In 1992, the classroom windows facing east (facing Franklin Street) and west (facing the interior of the block and the school playground) were replaced with aluminum windows matching the old wooden windows from the original construction in the 1920s. This project replaces the rest of the original windows that are beyond their useful life and require immediate replacement and re-glazing to serve purposes of operating the school as a energy efficient and temperature controlled environment. The new windows will match the aluminum windows on the installed in 1992 to create a uniform look and weather-efficient equality of windows at the school. The project will take place in the 2025 summer school break or as soon thereafter as can be scheduled.

The project has been **approved by** and **will be carried out by** the San Francisco Unified School District.

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EXEMPT STATUS

Categorically Exempt **Classes:** 1 and 14

The Project meets the categorical exemptions of Class 1 and 14.



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Reason Project is Exempt: The project described above is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities and Section 15314 Minor Additions to Schools. The project meets the conditions for these exemptions as explained below.

Existing Facilities (Class 1, Section 15301). The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Minor Additions to Schools (Class 14, Section 15314). The project consists of minor additions within the existing school grounds and the additions do not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The project does not change the capacity of the school in any way.

Exceptions to Use of a Categorical Exemption:

A project does not have the potential to trigger any of the exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 prohibiting the use of a categorical exemption.

- a. **Location.** Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located - a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may, in a particularly sensitive environment, be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may 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.

Although the location exception does not apply to a Class 1 or 14 Categorical Exemptions, the environmental sensitivity of the project site was assessed as part of preparation of this Notice of Exemption. The location of the project does not impact an particularly sensitive environment.

- b. **Cumulative Impact.** All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The project does not contribute to any cumulative impact as there are no ongoing projects at this site or adjacent projects as confirmed by the SF Planning database.

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- c. Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

- d. Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may 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 state scenic highway.

Not applicable. The project is not within proximity to a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

- e. Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Not applicable. The project site is not on the Cortes List – State Database of Hazardous Sites.

- f. Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Not applicable. The Sherman Elementary School was built in the 1920 in the Spanish Revival style for education purposes and qualifies as an individual historical resource eligible for listing on the California Register and for the purposes of CEQA as defined in California Public Resources Code Section 21084.1. The project of replacing the windows with like kind and style as a previous window replacement will not have a substantial adverse change of the significance of the school building as a historical resource and will extend the building's useful life for its intended function as a public elementary school.

REFERENCES

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