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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**Project Title:**

St. Philomene Church and School Fencing (SPZ-DRS)

**Control Number:**

PLNP2024-00097

**Project Location:**

The Project is located at 2320 El Camino Avenue, at the intersection of El Camino Avenue and Bell Street, in the Arden Arcade community of unincorporated Sacramento County.

**APN:**

278-0040-013-0000

**Description of Project:**

The project consists of the installation of an 8-foot wrought iron fence directly behind the sidewalks at the Saint Philomene Church and School.

The project consists of the following entitlements:

1. A **Special Development Permit** to allow the proposed project to deviate from the following development standards:
  - Multi-Family and Institutional Use Fences (Section 5.2.5.C.1.b): Institutional Uses. Fences are not permitted, except that open ornamental fences such as wrought iron are permitted on the property line along a public right-of-way. Any fence located along a public right-of-way shall be placed behind sidewalks and required landscaping. As proposed, fencing will be located directly behind sidewalks instead of required landscaping.
  - Front Yards in All Zones Except AR and AG Zones (Section 5.2.5.B.1.a.iv): Open fencing constructed of wrought iron or similar material not exceeding seven (7) feet in height. As proposed, the wrought iron fence will be (8) feet in height.
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@saccounty.gov

**Person or agency carrying out project:**

St. Philomene Catholic Church  
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**Exempt Status:**

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

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, including fences. The project consists of the installation of an 8-foot wrought iron fence directly behind the sidewalks on a developed site. 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 occur in certain specified sensitive environments or locations?*

The project site does not occur in a sensitive environment or location. The project site is located in a developed, commercial lot. The project consists of the installation of an 8-foot wrought iron fence directly behind the sidewalks at the Saint Philomene Church and School.

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

As it stands, the Project will not result in potentially significant impacts. The project consists of the installation of an 8-foot wrought iron fence directly behind the sidewalks on a developed site. Therefore, 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 not located within the vicinity of this scenic highway. 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. Additionally, a search of the EnviroStor and GeoTracker databases was conducted and no hazardous material records were located on site or in close proximity;

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?*

The project site does not contain any historical resources.

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