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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Fremont Union High School District
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Project Title: Cupertino High School Improvements

Project Location: Cupertino High School, 10100 Finch Avenue

Project Location – City: Cupertino, CA 95014 **Project Location – County:** Santa Clara County

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Fremont Union High School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Fremont Union High School District

Lead Agency Contact Person: Faith Severson **Phone Number:** (408) 522-2233

Description of Project: The Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) Measure G, Measure CC, and Measure K projects include various improvements at existing FUHSD high school campuses to serve existing and projected enrollment. At the Cupertino High School (CHS) campus, the FUHSD proposes the following improvements:

- constructing a new Performing Arts Building
- constructing a new Robotics Center
- modernizing (e.g., HVAC, lighting, flooring, roofing, technology, furniture, fixtures, and equipment) the Learning Center, Wings 911-916, and other classroom buildings
- improving existing campus utilities and infrastructure

- improving and upgrading campus technology (e.g., projectors, classroom audio/visual, wireless access points or other types of network equipment)
- replacing existing solar panels with more efficient solar panels
- replacing the synthetic turf at existing fields with new synthetic turf

All proposed project improvements would occur within the boundary of the existing CHS campus and no new classrooms are proposed.

Exempt Status: One or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed improvements at CHS:

Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alterations to existing public and private facilities involving no or negligible expansion of existing or former use.

Class 2 - Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site for substantially the same purpose.

Class 3 - Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of small structures from one use to another where only small modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

Class 4 - Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Class 11 - Section 15311. Accessory Structures: Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

Class 14 - Section 15314. Minor Additions to Schools: Minor additions to schools within school grounds where the addition does not increase student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The FUHSD proposes to construct a new Performing Arts Building and a new Robotics Center and various other improvements to existing facilities and utilities within the boundaries of the existing CHS campus. The buildings and improvements would serve the existing student population. The project would not introduce a new use or increase the number of classrooms on the CHS campus. Therefore, the proposed project would not increase original capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms.

Per section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined that the project is not located on a hazardous waste site and would not result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources, affect an historic resource, or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons and those stated above, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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Lead Agency Representative: Christine Mallery
CBO/Associate Superintendent

Date: August 17, 2023