



Facilities Department  
San Francisco Unified School District  
135 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**Submitted to:**

San Francisco Office of the County Clerk  
City Hall, Room 160  
One Dr Carlton B Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Office of Planning and Research  
*Submitted electronically via CEQASubmit*

**From:** San Francisco Unified School District  
135 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**PROJECT TITLE:** Mission High School – Outdoor Field Lights Project

**Project Address:** 3750 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114

**Assessor's Parcel Number:** 3579/006  
**County of:** San Francisco

**Project Description:** The project consists of the installation of flood lights on the school athletic field and involves the erection of eight 3x3, 24-foot-tall galvanized poles which will each have two 300w LED floodlights with glare shields and a 60-degree beam angle to minimize light spill. Power for the floodlights will be supplied to the eight poles through a 3/4-inch galvanized steel surface mount rigid conduit and eight 20-foot-tall posts. The electrical junction boxes will be mounted on the retaining wall and connect with 3/4-inch flexible conduit. The 3x3, 24-foot galvanized poles will be attached to the existing concrete retaining wall with 2 galvanized metal plates that are 6"x 7" x 3/8" secured 24" apart on the concrete with four 5/8 bolts per bracket and epoxy. The purpose of the project is to provide athletic field lighting to enable the use of the school's existing athletic field for evening practices and other school activities. The donation of this project was approved by the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District at the March 11, 2025 meeting.

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, 4, 11 and 14

The project meets the categorical exemptions of Class 1, 4, 11 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), Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), Section 15411 (Accessory Structures), and Section 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools). The project meets the conditions for these exemptions as explained below.

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**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 beyond that existing at the lead agency's determination. The project will enable the existing public high school's athletic field to fulfil its intended purpose and design as an athletic field in supports of the public school's athletics program including sporting teams, clubs and physical education.

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**Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4, Section 15304).** The project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. No waterways, plants, vegetation or trees will be altered or removed by the project.

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**Accessory Structures (Class 11, Section 15311).** The project consists of the construction, or replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. The project is wholly located at on the premises of an existing public high school facility in an area that was designed and installed for athletic use. The project will enable the existing public high school's athletic field to fulfil its intended purpose and design as an athletic field in supports of the public school's athletics program including sporting teams, clubs and physical education.

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**Minor Additions to Schools (Class 14, Section 15314).** The project consists of minor additions within the existing public school grounds and the additions do not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The project has no effect on student capacity of Mission High School.

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### 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, for the Class 4 and the Class 11 Exemptions, the environmental sensitivity of the project site was assessed as part of preparation of this Notice of Exemption. The project is located on an existing high school campus that is located within an urban setting. The surrounding uses are residential and commercial. The school campus has not been designated as a biologically sensitive site and does not contain sensitive resources or habitats. Therefore, the project will not have an impact on a particularly sensitive environment due to its location.

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- 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 does not create any unusual circumstances.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

The project does not have a significant impact or substantial adverse change on a historical

resource. Mission High School was built the 1920s in the architecturally significant California Churrigueresque style, is approximately 100 years old and meets the criterion to be a historical resource under CEQA Section 21084.1. The school building was designated a San Francisco landmark (#255) by the San Francisco Planning Commission in 2006. The project does not involve any renovation, change or modification of the school building which is both a historical resource and a functioning public high school with an enrollment of approximately 1,000 students in grade 9-12 (2024-25 school year). The project of the installation of outdoor field lighting to the existing campus athletic field does not involve any alteration to the existing historical resource but rather encourages the continued use and operation of the premises for its intended purpose as a public school. The slender poles of the lighting scheme will not obstruct views of the historical resource from the public right-of-way because the athletic field is located on the same property as the high school building. The project does not alter the historic character and significance of the building and is intended to make the existing field more useful to the high school for evening practices and other school activities.

#### **REFERENCES**

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California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). 2025. List of Eligible and Officially Designated State Scenic Highways.

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). 2025. GeoTracker.

<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>. Accessed 3/15/2025.

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Dolores St

Church St

17th St

Suchada Re-Energize

Shave and A Haircut

Mission Science Workshop

SF-CCESS (SF Coalition of Essential Small Schools)

Existing Panel

Run #6 wire on 3/4 Rigid conduit from panel to sub panel

Run #10 wire in 3/4 Rigid conduit

Junction Box

Light Post

Electrical Sub Panel for Field Lights

3615, 3617, 3619, 3621, 3623A, 3623A-A, 3627, 3627-3633, 3641, 3641a, 3643, 3645, 3651, 3649, 3657, 3679, 3679-3681, 3697, 3699, 505, 507, 412, 416, 464, 440



## MISSION HIGH SCHOOL OUTDOOR FIELD LIGHTS PROJECT

Installation of flood lights on the athletic field. Power is supplied through a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch galvanized steel surface mount rigid conduit and eight 20 foot tall posts. The junction boxes are mounted on the retaining wall and connect to the post with  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch flexible conduit. Each post contains two 300w LED floodlights with glare shield and has a 60 degree beam angle to minimize light spill. The 3x3, 24-foot tall galvanized poles will be attached to the existing concrete retaining wall with galvanized metal plates that are 6"x 7" x  $\frac{3}{8}$ " secured 24" apart on the concrete with four  $\frac{5}{8}$  bolts per bracket and

