NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☐ Office of Planning and Research

For US Mail
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Street Address
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

☑ Tammie Marshall, Supervisor
Riverside County Clerk
PO Box 751
Riverside CA 92502-0751

FROM: *Public Agency*
City of Hemet
445 East Florida Avenue
Hemet, CA 92543

Lead Agency
City of Hemet
445 East Florida Avenue
Hemet, CA 92543

PROJECT TITLE: Commercial Cannabis Business (CCB25-003) Blazed Utopia

PROJECT APPLICANT: Rahman & Associates

PROJECT LOCATION: 1958 W. Florida Avenue (448-440-024)

PROJECT LOCATION - CITY: **City of Hemet** **PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY:** **Riverside**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: **Commercial Cannabis Business (CCB25-003) Blazed Utopia** – For the use of an existing building for a commercial cannabis dispensary in accordance with the California Business and Professions Code §26070(a)(1).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: **City of Hemet**
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: **Blazed Utopia**

Exempt Status:

- ☐ **Ministerial (Sec. 15268);**
- ☐ **Declared Emergency (Sec.15269(a));**
- ☐ **Emergency Project (Sec. 15269(b)(c));**
- ☑ **Categorical Exemption Section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities)**

1. **Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1(a) (Existing Facilities), which 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 which existed at the time of the lead agency's determination. The site is developed and the commercial cannabis business permit is to allow for the operation of a cannabis retail store. The Applicant is proposing no physical expansion of the building or the site. Furthermore, the General Plan land use designation of the property is CC-Community Commercial, which provides for general retail, markets, commercial services, restaurants, lodging, commercial recreation, professional offices and financial institutions. CC areas are typically located near residential, office or industrial activity centers and major arterial corridors, and are designed to serve the needs of the community at-large. Therefore, the Zoning and General Plan are consistent.

Contact Person: **Jordan Walton** **Phone No.:** **(951) 765-2477**

Signature: _____ **Title:** **Assistant Planner**

Date received for filing at OPR: _____