NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93001

From: City of Simi Valley
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Project Title: CUP-S-2025-0006

Project Location - Specific: 4832 E Cochran Street

Project Location - City: Simi Valley **Project Location - County:** Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Administrative Action to develop an outdoor play area for a church, including a shade structure, storage room, restrooms, ADA play equipment, and a multipurpose grass field located at 4832 E Cochran Street

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Simi Valley 10/16/25
Date of Approval

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Stonebridge Community Church

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- ☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- ☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c)];
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number Class 1, 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption [Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Text of exemption and reasons why project is exempt:

City staff has analyzed the project's potential effects on the environment and has determined that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 ("Existing Facilities") and that none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions contained in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 are applicable to the project.

Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, titled "Existing Facilities," reads as follows: *"Class 1 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. [...] The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use."*

The construction of a 900-square-foot detached shade structure, a 285-square-foot attached restroom, and a 380-square-foot attached storage room located on a vacant portion of an existing religious facility site, constitute the minor alteration of an existing private facility, involving negligible expansion of the existing land use. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency
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Signature: _____ **Date:** 10/16/2025 **Title:** Assistant Planner
Mark Nason

☐ **Signed by Lead Agency** **Date received for filing at OPR:** _____