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Notice of Exemption from CEQA

To: ☒ County Clerk-Recorder
County of Santa Clara

☒ Office of Planning & Research
PO Box 3044, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Project Title		
Los Altos Library Courtyard Project		
Project Location [including APN(s) if applicable]		
13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022		
Public Agency Approving Project	**Address**	**Phone Number**
Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD)	1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008	(408) 293-2326

Project Description

Renovation of an existing outdoor courtyard at the Los Altos Civic Center adjacent to the Los Altos Library to improve space for residents to read, work, and learn. The project includes the replacement of an existing wood pergola with a pre-engineered shade structure within a courtyard protected by secured perimeter fencing. New planting, hardscape, and outdoor rated furniture will further enhance this added feature for use by the residents within the Los Altos community.

Exempt Status (check one, state CEQA Guidelines section number)

☒ Categorical Exemption [CEQA Guidelines 15301-15333]:
☐ Statutory Exemption [CEQA Guidelines 15260-15285]:
☐ Declared Emergency [CEQA Guidelines 15269(a)]
☐ Emergency Project [CEQA Guidelines 15269(b)(c)]:
☐ Common Sense Exemption [CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3)]
☐ Time of Preparation [CEQA Guidelines 15004(b)(2)(A)]:

Reasons the project is exempt

The project is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15303 (New Construction and Conversion of Small Structures). SCCLD relies on a number of findings by the City of Los Altos:

- The Project is consistent with the City's General Plan goals due to the project being for governmental use under the Public and Institutional Land Use designation, and it complies with the permitted uses of the PCF zoning district, which allows uses for facilities owned, leased, or operated by a city, county, and state.
- The project complies with the Community Design & Historic Resources Element, particularly Community Design Policy 1.8, by promoting thoughtful design that respects the character of its surroundings without duplicating elements or styles.
- The project complies with the Zoning Standards of the PCF Zoning District.
- The project does not involve the removal of any character-defining features, which are essential for historic designation. The project preserves all existing Civic Center Apricot Orchard apricot trees, and any designated heritage tree is not impacted. The Civic Center Orchard retains its integrity of location, as it has not been moved.

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- The project complies with the Historic Preservation Ordinance, does not adversely impact the resource's physical integrity or historical significance, and meets the findings of Section 12.44.140.A of the Los Altos Municipal Code and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
- The project will not result in any significant impacts relating to traffic, noise, air quality, water quality; the site can be served by all required utilities and public service; and none of the circumstances described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Library Contact Person	**Title**	**Phone Number**
Jennifer Weeks	County Librarian	(408) 293-2326

Date: 11/17/2025 Signature: Signed by: Jennifer Weeks 67443B65EF2A4FA...

Name/Title: Jennifer Weeks / County Librarian