CITY OF Fremont

Notice of Exemption

Date: December 10, 2025

To:

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Subject: Filing of a Notice of Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062

Project Title: 2025 General Plan Update (PLN2025-00209)

Project Applicant: City of Fremont

Project Location (include county): City of Fremont, Alameda County

Project Description: The project includes a General Plan amendment to the Land Use and Open Space Element, and Conservation Element to comply with California Senate Bill 1425 and Assembly Bill 1889.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fremont

Exempt Status (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines Section 15268)
- ☒ Common Sense Exemption. State CEQA Guidelines section number: §15061(b)(3)
- ☒ Subsequent EIRs & Negative Declarations. State CEQA Guidelines section number: §15162
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and CEQA Guidelines section numbers: §15307, §15308
- ☐ Special Situations. State CEQA Guidelines section number:
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State CEQA Guidelines section number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) SCH#2010082060 was previously certified for the project of adopting the General Plan. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for a project where an EIR has been certified unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

   Analysis: No substantial changes are proposed to the Fremont General Plan as part of this project. The proposed General Plan Amendment is to identify policies in response to recently passed legislation and all policies identified are existing.

2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

   Analysis: No substantial changes are proposed under this project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR because the policies identified as part of this General Plan Amendment are existing within the City of Fremont and the project would not result in any physical changes that would have a significant effect on the environment.

3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:
   a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR;
   b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
   c. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
   d. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

   Analysis: No new information of substantial importance has been identified as part of this project. The proposed project would not result in any direct physical changes that would have a significant effect on the environment. All policies to address the applicable legislation identified by this project currently exist and no new mitigation measures have been identified.

In addition, the proposed project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA per, without limitation, CEQA Guidelines Section 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources, and Section 15308, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment in that the General Plan Amendments are in response to the recent passage of Senate Bill 1425 and Assembly Bill 1889 by the California State Legislature. These laws require the City's General Plan to address equal access to open space for all residents, climate resilience and rewilding opportunities, and analyze wildlife connectivity areas, identify wildlife passage features, and consider the impact of development on wildlife and habitat connectivity. The action is further exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because the proposed General Plan Amendment identified existing policies and would not result in any physical changes that would have a significant effect on the environment. Each of the foregoing provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA compliance.

Signature (Lead Agency): _____ Title: Senior Planner
James Willis

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.