

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: San Mateo

555 County Center, 1st Floor

Redwood City, CA 94063

From: (Public Agency): City of San Mateo

330 W 20th Ave

San Mateo, CA 94403

(Address)

FILED **ENDORSED**
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK RECORDER
SAN MATEO COUNTY CALIF

JAN 27 2026

Project Title: The Carey School Early Childhood Education Center

Project Applicant: The Carey School

MARK CHURCH, County Clerk

By MARIA GALLARDO
Deputy Clerk

Project Location - Specific:

2033 La Salle Drive, San Mateo

Project Location - City: San Mateo

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves the construction of a 5,908-square-foot early childhood education center with associated site improvements, accommodating up to 75 students and 16 staff. It also includes a Zoning Map Amendment from R1-B to R1-B/Q8 Overlay and a Zoning Code Amendment to SMMC Section 27.60.180 to establish development standards for the educational facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of San Mateo

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Carey School

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: CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Zoning Reclassification and Zoning Map Amendment are exempt under Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, 14 CCR Section 15061(b)(3)). The proposed zoning reclassification and zoning overlay do not authorize physical development or ground disturbance on the site and therefore they are exempt from further environmental review under common sense exemption. The development of the site involves the construction of a single-story, approximately 5,908-square-foot building within an urbanized area on a site that allows for educational facilities with a Special Use Permit (SUP). Therefore, it is categorically exempt from further environmental analysis under class 3 small structure (Section 15303).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Simin Zakavanad

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-522-7219

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: 1/27/2026 Title: Associate Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

41-01272026-0001

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
CITY OF SAN MATEO		01/27/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
SAN MATEO COUNTY		129406
PROJECT TITLE		

THE CAREY SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENETR

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
THE CAREY SCHOOL		
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
		ZIP CODE

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☒ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,227.50 \$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 3,043.75 \$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,437.25 \$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
☒ County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00
☐ Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X 	Maria Gallardo Deputy Clerk