

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Fresno

From: (Public Agency): City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

(Address)

Project Title: Reading and Beyond Ground Lease

Project Applicant: City of Fresno

Project Location - Specific:

4670 E Butler Ave. Fresno, CA 93702

Project Location - City: Fresno

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project involves a lease of 4,420 square feet of City of Fresno owned land at Mosqueda Community Center to Reading and Beyond. Reading and Beyond will be operating a preschool from an existing facility. The Beneficiaries is the City of Fresno.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Reading and Beyond

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: Section 15301 / Class 1

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt since the City is leasing land that was previously under a service agreement. The project does not involve new construction, ground disturbance, or increased capacity beyond existing facilities. They have been at the location providing preschool services at the property since 2011, and will continue to operate as a preschool.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Brian Barr

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559)621-1418

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: Director

▪ 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: _____