



CITY OF SAN MATEO  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>TO:</b> Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	<b>TO:</b> County Clerk County of San Mateo 555 County Center Redwood City, CA 94063 <div style="text-align: right;"> <b>FILED</b> ENDORSED  <small>IN THE OFFICE OF THE          COUNTY CLERK RECORDER          SAN MATEO COUNTY CALIF</small> </div>
<b>FROM:</b> City of San Mateo 330 West 20th Avenue San Mateo, CA 94403	<div style="text-align: right;"> <b>MAY 06 2026</b>          MARK CHURCH, County Clerk          By <b>KAMILLE SANTOS</b> </div>

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> City of San Mateo Citywide Historic Context Statement	
<b>PROJECT APPLICANT:</b> City of San Mateo, Community Development Department, Planning Division	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION SPECIFIC:</b> Citywide.	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTY):</b> San Mateo, San Mateo County	
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b> Consistent with Strive San Mateo General Plan 2040 Policy CD 5.1 - Comprehensive Approach to Historic Preservation and Action CD 5.9 - Historic Resources Context Statement, the City has prepared a Citywide Historic Context Statement that provides a comprehensive framework for understanding the City's history and identifies important themes, subthemes, events, and patterns of development. It is also a policy document that provides a framework to guide consistent evaluation of the historic significance of properties and their potential eligibility for local listing. The Citywide Historic Context Statement does not designate individual properties or include individual property evaluations.	
<b>NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT</b>  City of San Mateo, Community Development Department, Planning Division	<b>NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT</b>  City of San Mateo, Community Development Department, Planning Division
<b>EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268); <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));	

- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6 – Sec. 15306. Information Collection
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: Sec. 15061(b)(3). Common Sense Exemption

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies only to activities that may cause a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The Citywide Historic Context Statement updates and clarifies the City’s policies and processes surrounding historic preservation, but does not materially change or expand their applicability. Therefore, the proposed project meets the criteria of CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) and, pursuant to this exemption, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from CEQA.

The Citywide Historic Context Statement was also found to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection) because it is an informational document that highlights trends and patterns of development and their relationship to significant elements of San Mateo history, and functions as a policy document to help guide the evaluation of specific historic resources. Therefore, the project meets the intent of CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 and, pursuant to this exemption, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from CEQA review.

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Zachary Dahl, Director, Community Development Department  
**TELEPHONE:** (650) 522-7207

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 Zachary Dahl Date 5/6/26

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.

Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 41-05062026-0003  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF SAN MATEO	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/06/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN MATEO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 129498	

PROJECT TITLE  
 CITY OF SAN MATEO CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF SAN MATEO	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
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 <b>X</b> 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Kamille Santos Deputy Clerk
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