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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SABADO TARDE PARTNERS LLC
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DATED MAY 12, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
NUMBER [2026050452](#)

Dear Willow Brown,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for Sabado Tarde Partners LLC Housing Development (Project). The Project is a request for a Development Plan and Coastal Development Permit to allow the demolition of an existing 1,600-square-foot duplex and construction of a new three-story 7,731-square-foot 15-unit apartment building. There will be 12 two-bedroom units and three studio units. Other site improvements include the construction of two stairway towers in the northeast and southeast corners of the property, a new trash enclosure, a bicycle parking area, a 10' x 20' loading zone, a 6'-tall wood fence, concrete flatwork, and landscaping. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any Project sites included in the proposed Project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing

materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment \(PEA\) Guidance Manual](#).

2. DTSC recommends all imported soil/fill material be tested to ensure all COCs meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's PEA Guidance Manual](#). Furthermore, DTSC advises referencing the [DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet](#) if importing soil/fill is necessary. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil/fill material, there should be documentation of the origins of the soil/fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil/fill material is suitable for the intended land use. The sampling should include analysis based on the source of the soil/fill and knowledge of prior land use.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND for the Sabado Tarde Partners LLC Housing Development. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [the CEQA Review email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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