

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:**  County Clerk  
County of San Mateo  
555 County Center  
Redwood City, CA 94063-1665

**From:** Town of Atherton  
80 Fair Oaks Lane  
Atherton, CA 94070  
(650) 752-0544

To be filed at OPR via <https://ceqasubmit.opr.ca.gov>

**Project Title:** Menlo School Annual Master Plan, Temporary Enrollment Increase and Netting requests

**Project Applicant:** Town of Atherton

**Project Location – Specific:** 50 Valparaiso and 67 Alejandra; APNs: 070-360-080 and 110

**Project Location – City:** Town of Atherton **Project Location – County:** San Mateo

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project includes consideration of the Annual Master Plan (MPL26-001) for Menlo School, located at 50 Valparaiso Avenue (APN 070-360-080), request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP26-001) to allow for (1) an increase in student enrollment from 825 to 845 students for the 2026-27 school year, and (2) the installation of 21-foot-tall sports field netting at Wunderlich Field, located at 65 Alejandra Avenue (APN 070-360-110). The project also includes a request for a Variance (VAR26-003) to allow the sports field netting to be installed on the front property line along Alejandra Avenue. Both parcels are located within the Public Schools and Facilities (PFS) zoning district.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Town of Atherton

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Amrit Chima, Director of Operations at Menlo 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: 15303, 15304, and 15314
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project involves a temporary enrollment increase that is less than 25 percent of the previously approved student capacity. Additionally, the project includes netting for an existing sports field and related landscaping improvement to screen the netting.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Brittany Bendix **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (408) 688-2432

**Signature:** 

**Date:** 6/2/26 **Title:** Town Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
  - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: