NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☑ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 12
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☑ Clerk of the Board
Santa Cruz County
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

FROM: City of Watsonville
Community Development Dept
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

FILE NO.: PP2026-10152

Project Title: New Single-Family Residence with ADU and JADU

Project Location - Specific: 524 Lincoln Street

Project Location - City: Watsonville **Project Location - County:** Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project proposes a new single-family residence.

Name of Public agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Eric Ruiz, 150 Cayuga Street Suite 1, Salinas CA 93901

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: Class 3, §15303(a)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: This project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15303(a) of the *State CEQA Guidelines*. New construction of single-family residences are exempt from CEQA review. Accessory dwellings units are statutorily exempt from CEQA review.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matt Orbach **Telephone:** 831.768.3075

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:** 07/06/26 **Title:** CDD 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: _____