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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
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From: City of Escondido
Development Services Department
Planning Services
201 North Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

Project Title/Case No: PL26-0083/PL26-0084 – SIKH SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO FACILITY EXPANSION

Project Location - Specific: The 1.29-acre site is located on the east side of W. Valley Pkwy and the north side of Avenida Del Diablo, addressed as 1838 Avenida Del Diablo (Assessor's Parcel Number: 235-081-16-00)

Project Location - City: Escondido **Project Location - County:** San Diego

Description of Project: Approval of a Major Conditional Use Permit modification to modify hours of operation and the services provided on site and Major Design Review for an existing religious facility which includes an approximately 4,520 square foot expansion to the existing facility, to include additional assembly area, administrative office area, sleeping quarters, expansion of an existing colonnade, and accessory property enhancements. The Project site has a General Plan land use designation of Estate II (E2), and is zoned Residential Estates (RE-20).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Escondido

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Name: Sachin Daga, on behalf of Rampy + Daga and the Sikh Society of San Diego

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☒ Private entity ☐ School district ☐ Local public Agency ☐ State agency ☐ Other special district

Exempt Status: The project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed Project proposes an expansion of an existing religious facility of approximately 4,520 square feet of space, to include 3,938 square feet of interior facility, and 582 square feet of exterior entryway space. This proposed expansion falls under the thresholds identified in Section 15301(e)(2) of 10,000 square feet. The Project site is located in an area where all public services and facilities are available, and the area is not environmentally sensitive.

Furthermore, the proposed Project does not trigger any exceptions to the use of an exemption as detailed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, in that:

1. **Location.** The proposed Project is not pursuing a Class 3, 4, 5, 6, or 11 exemption, and is not subject to this exception.
2. **Cumulative Impact.** The proposed Project will not result in a cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, as the Project is primarily located within previously disturbed site, and is consistent with the General Plan policies which were addressed in the General Plan Final EIR.
3. **Significant Effect.** As detailed in the Planning Commission staff report, dated September 22, 2026, no significant effects will occur as a result of the Project. The proposed Project will involve an expansion of an existing, permitted religious facility located within the Residential Estates zoning designation. No unusual circumstances surround the Project which will result in a reasonable possibility of a significant effect on the environment.

4. *Scenic Highways*. The proposed Project will not damage scenic resources, including trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources as none are located on the Project site.
5. *Hazardous Waste Sites*. The proposed Project is not located on a site as referenced in Section 65952.5 of the California Government Code.
6. *Historical Resources*. The proposed Project is not located on a site which contains a significant resource, and would not cause a substantially adverse change to the significance of a historic resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Rangel Telephone: 760-839-4542

Signature: 

Alex Rangel
Associate Planner

Date: September 23, 2026

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date filed with SCH: _____

☐ Signed by Authorized Applicant Representative