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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse via CEQAnet

County Clerk
County of: Santa Clara County
110 West Tasman Drive, 1st Floor
San Jose, CA 95134

From: (Public Agency): City of Cupertino
10300 Torre Ave
Cupertino, CA 95014
(Address)

Project Title: General Plan Health and Safety Element Update

Project Applicant: City of Cupertino

Project Location - Specific:

Citywide

Project Location - City: Cupertino Project Location - County: Santa Clara County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project is an update of goals, policies, strategies, maps, and technical information that identify and address the potential risks associated with natural and human-caused hazards to meet the requirements of California Government Code Section 65302(g). These include actions the City can take to reduce these risks and prevent or minimize injuries to life and damages to property. The proposed project provides a policy framework for addressing hazards, which includes regional coordination, emergency preparedness and response, fire safety, public safety, geologic and seismic hazards, hazardous materials, flooding, extreme heat, climate change resilience, and noise. A Health and Safety Element Background Report and Evacuation Route Capacity Assessment was prepared to meet California Government Code Section 65302(g) and California Government Code Section 65302.15 requirements. Additionally, General Plan Appendix E, Geologic and Seismic Hazards, has been updated along with General Plan Appendix D, Community Noise Fundamentals.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Cupertino

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Cupertino

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: Section 15061(b)(3) - Common Sense Exemption
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is a program-level policy document that includes goals, policies, and strategies intended to minimize health and safety hazards and increase resilience in Cupertino. The proposed project establishes a framework for how to achieve its goals through policies and strategies to improve public health and safety by complying with new State laws, incorporating policies from other local and regional plans, and responding to community goals and priorities. The proposed project does not include land use or zoning changes that would result in direct or indirect growth or changes in building density and intensity. The proposed project would not implement provisions that would result in direct or indirect population growth and thus would not place additional demands on natural resources, public services, or infrastructure. In addition, the proposed project does not include any site-specific designs or proposals to develop specific projects, nor does it grant any entitlements for development projects.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Piu Ghosh Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 408-777-3277

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: 10-23-2026 Title: Planning Manager

- 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: _____