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NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
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Project Title: Yerba LLC (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 52 South 1ST ST SAN JOSE, CA 95113, in Santa Clara County (APN: 467-22-007).

County: Santa Clara County

Project Description: The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Procession Code, Section 26012, approved a retail commercial cannabis license submitted on 4/1/2026, by Yerba LLC.

Project Activities: The Project will consist of a commercial cannabis retailer (type 10) located at 52 South 1st St, San Jose, CA. The parcel is ~4,400 SF and the project takes up ~4,764 SF on the 2nd floor of the building. The parcel and surrounding area is zoned for downtown primary commercial which allows for cannabis retailers. The project is consistent with the general plan designation and all policies in San Jose.

Exemption Status: (check one)
☐ Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14 (CCR), § 15268]
☐ Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, §15269(a)]
☐ Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, § 15269(b)(c)]
☐ Categorical Exemption: [Class 1 Categorical Exemption, CCR §15301]
☐ Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
☒ General Rule [CCR, § 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3). Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines states that CEQA review applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the project is not subject to further CEQA review. Department staff reviewed the project for potential impacts to the environment, and no impacts were identified to occur as a result of the proposed project.

Because the record evidence shows with certainty that the Department's issuance of a license will not bring about any physical change in the environment and will not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment, the Project is exempt from CEQA review under the common sense exemption of CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

This is to certify that the final environmental document, comments and responses, and the record of project approval are available to the public at the following location:

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