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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Heritage Commerce Center (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2024-001-03 (ITP))

Project Location (Sonoma): The Heritage Commerce Center (Project) is located southwest of the intersection of Northpoint Parkway and Mariner Way within the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County at approximately 38.415116°N, 122.750802°W. The Project site is bounded by developed land to the north, west, and east, and Roseland Creek and the Santa Rosa Plain Vernal Pool Ecological Reserve beyond Roseland Creek to the south. The Project footprint is 4.79 acres and located on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 035-530-016 and 035-530-055 within Township 7N, Range 8W, Section 33 of the Sebastopol U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle map.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an ITP (No. 2081-2024-001-03), pursuant to Section 2081(b) of the Fish and Game Code to SR 2019 Giffen LLC.

The Project includes the development of 4.26 acres, of which 1.90 acres is undeveloped land, into a 74,949-square-foot commercial/industrial building, paved driveways, parking areas, stormwater retention, and landscaping. A 0.53-acre existing paved area on Mariner Way will also be used for staging and construction access, therefore the total Project footprint will be

4.79 acres. Project activities include using heavy equipment to grub and grade the entire Project site, utility trench digging, paving, landscaping, and other activities.

The Project will result in permanent impacts to 1.90 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) habitat. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander, which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On February 12, 2024, the City of Santa Rosa, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is statutorily exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section 15183. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1(a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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