RETURN TO:
City of Cotati
Planning Division
201 West Sierra Ave.
Cotati, CA 94931

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Sonoma County Clerk
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Project Title: State Route 116 and West Cotati Avenue Intersection Safety Improvements Project

Project Applicant: City of Cotati, Public Works, 201 West Sierra Avenue, Cotati, CA
Craig Scott, (707) 665-3623, CScott@cotaticity.gov

Project Location: Approximately 1,900 linear feet along State Route 116/Gravenstein Highway between Redwood Drive and 500 feet west of Alder Avenue and West Cotati Avenue between Gillman Road and Highway 116 in the City of Cotati, Sonoma County, California. APNs: 144-050-004, 144-050-005, 144-050-009, 046-286-018, 046-286-019, 144-100-ROW, 144-110-ROW, 999-999-ROW.

Project Description: The Project proposes improvements to State Route 116 Gravenstein Highway (SR 116) to provide road safety and traffic management including bike and pedestrian facilities. The Project includes the realignment of West Cotati Avenue, a roundabout with a new north leg providing access to properties to the north, and a new south leg, that will accommodate realignment of W. Cotati Ave., construction of a Class 1 bike and pedestrian path, associated pedestrian/bike safety upgrades, and lighting, landscaping, drainage improvements.

EXEMPT STATUS: General Plan Consistency Exemption {Sec.15183}

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is consistent with the land use designations, development intensity, circulation improvements, and infrastructure assumptions analyzed in the certified General Plan EIR (SCH No. 2013982027). The environmental analysis relies upon the program level analysis prepared for the 2013 City of Cotati General Plan and its certified EIR. The project will not introduce new or substantially more severe environmental effects beyond those addressed in the certified General Plan EIR. All identified environmental effects of the project are consistent with the impacts evaluated in the General Plan EIR, and all adopted General Plan policies and mitigation measures identified in the General Plan and its EIR that apply to the Project are imposed as environmental conditions of approval. The project does not contain elements that are peculiar to the project or project site that would result in new or more severe environmental impacts relative to the General Plan EIR. With implementation of identified conditions of approval and uniformly applied standards, the project would not result in a substantial increase in the severity of significant impacts that were previously identified in the program level EIR, nor would the project introduce any new significant impacts that were not previously identified. There would be no additional environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in the General Plan EIR, and therefore the project is exempt pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.

Lead Agency: City of Cotati, 201 West Sierra Ave. Cotati, CA 94931

Department/Contact Person: Craig Scott, Public Works Director/City Engineer **Phone**: (707) 665-3620

Date: 11/02/26

Signed By: Noah Housh, Cotati Community Development Director for
Craig Scott, Public Works Director/City Engineer

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