



## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

CITY OF  
**PALO  
ALTO** 250 Hamilton Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE:** 2100-2400 Geng Road Residential Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The 11-acre (480,230 square-foot) project site is located at 2100 to 2400 Geng Road (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 008-02-035 and 008-02-036) in the northeastern portion of the city of Palo Alto in Santa Clara County. The project site is on the western side of Geng Road, north of East Bayshore Road.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project would involve merging the two Assessor's parcels, demolition of four existing two-story office buildings and surface parking, and construction of 145 multifamily townhome units in 65 buildings. The project would include 22 detached townhomes along the northern boundary of the site, adjacent to the Baylands Athletic Center, which would include backyards that abut the parkland to create a buffer between the development and the park. The project would include 26 more detached townhomes across the street from these units. The remaining units would consist of attached townhomes arranged in clustered buildings of five, six, and eight units. The townhomes would be arranged around shared green spaces and connected by pedestrian paseos. The project design includes a circulation loop road, landscaped pedestrian pathways, and centrally located open spaces.

The project is proposed under the provisions of California Government Code 65589.5(d)(5) as a Builder's Remedy project. The project would include 19 affordable units (13 percent of total units) restricted to low-income households.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, a streamlined review was prepared for the project to evaluate its consistency with the City's certified 2030 Comprehensive Plan EIR, supporting the City's finding that the project would not result in new significant impacts nor exceed the level of impacts identified in the previously certified 2017 EIR.

**NAME OF PUBLIC  
AGENCY APPROVING  
THE PROJECT:** City of Palo Alto

**NAME OF PERSON OR  
GROUP CARRYING OUT  
PROJECT:** Strada Investment Group

**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:
- Statutory Exemption (Sec. 21083.3; 15183, Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning)

**REASONS WHY**

**PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

This is to advise that the City of Palo Alto (Lead Agency) has approved the project described above on March 16, 2026 (City Council approval) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The previously certified 2030 Comprehensive Plan EIR, as addended by the 2023-2031 Housing Element Addendum ("Final EIR"; SCH 2014052101) was prepared and evaluated the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
2. The project will not have a peculiar effect, new significant impact, significant cumulative impact, or more severe adverse impact than was discussed in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan EIR.
3. Mitigation measures beyond those adopted in connection with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Final EIR were not adopted for the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) beyond the scope of that adopted in connection with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Final EIR was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations beyond that adopted in connection with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Final EIR was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Comprehensive Plan Final EIR and CEQA 15183 Checklist and record of project approval, are available to the General Public online at <https://www.paloalto.gov/Departments/Planning-Development-Services/Current-Planning/Projects/2100-Geng-Road> and at:

*City of Palo Alto, Planning Division, 250 Hamilton Ave, Ground Floor, Palo Alto, California 94301*

**PROJECT PLANNER:** Steven Switzer

- IF FILED BY APPLICANT:**
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.  Yes
  2. Declare if a Notice of Exemption has been filed by the public agency approving the project  N/A

Signed by:  
  
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 Signature (Public Agency)

Steven Switzer, Senior Historic Planner  
 Title

3/18/26  
 Date