

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**To:** \_\_\_\_\_ Office of Planning and Research  
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**From: (Public Agency)**  
City of Merced  
678 West 18th St.

  X   County Clerk  
County of Merced  
2222 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340

**Project Title:** Site Plan Review #25-0002 (Environmental Review #25-0007)

**Project Applicant:** Richard Tanaka

**Project Location (Specific):** 665 Fairfield Avenue **APN:** 226-220-014

**Project Location - City:** Merced

**Project Location - County:** Merced

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Convert an old commercial building into a fitness center

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Merced

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Richard Tanaka (applicant) for Ethan Conrad (property owner)

**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));  
☒   X   Categorical Exemption. State Type and Section Number:   15301a    
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:** Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Examples included, but not limited to:

(a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances

**Lead Agency:** City of Merced

**Contact Person:** Matthew Livingston **Area Code/Telephone:** (209) 388-7350

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** April 10, 2025

**Title:** Assistant Planner

  X   Signed by Lead Agency **Date Received for Filing at OPR:**   n/a    
(If applicable)