

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: (Public Agency)
City of Merced
678 West 18th St.

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County of Merced
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Merced, CA 95340

Project Title: Site Plan Review #499 (Environmental Review #22-30)

Project Applicant: Kainth Hospitality, Inc (property owner)

Project Location (Specific): 736 Motel Drive **APN:** 035-061-015

Project Location - City: Merced **Project Location - County:** Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Construction of an extended-stay hotel and lodging establishment within a Thoroughfare Commercial (C-T) zone.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Merced

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kainth Hospitality, Inc. (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: 15332
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: _____.
- General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

Reasons why Project is Exempt: As defined under the above referenced Section, the proposed project is considered an in-fill project. The project location is within the City limits on an approximately 1.35-acre parcel surrounded by urban uses. The site can be served by all required utilities and public services, and the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threated species. No significant effects resulting from traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality will result from the construction of the building. The project is consistent with the City of Merced General Plan and Zoning regulations.

Lead Agency: City of Merced

Contact Person: Stephani Davis **Area Code/Telephone:** (209) 385-6858

Signature:  **Date:** July 8, 2022

Title: Development Services Technician II

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