

CEQA DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION

Subject: This California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination of Exemption is in compliance with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 19.04.060. An appeal to this determination must be filed in writing with the required fee within ten (10) calendar days of the City Planner's decision consistent with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 21.54.140.

Project Number and Title: Chestnut Apartments Acquisition

Project Location - Specific: 945 Chestnut Ave, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Project Location - City: Carlsbad

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Project: The City of Carlsbad is considering temporary acquisition of Chestnut Apartments, a 16-unit affordable housing complex at 945 Chestnut Ave. The existing owner, Solutions for Change, is looking to end its ownership of the property and is proposing to transfer the property to the City of Carlsbad for its continued use as affordable housing in exchange for loan forgiveness. Current project is for property acquisition only.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Carlsbad

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mandy Mills

Name of Applicant: City of Carlsbad

Applicant's Address: 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Applicant's Telephone Number: 442-339-2810

Name of Applicant/Identity of person undertaking the project (if different from the applicant above):
N/A

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c));

Categorical Exemption - State type and section number: 15326

Statutory Exemptions - State code number: _____

Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under 15326 Acquisition of Housing for Housing Assistance Programs by acquiring an interest in housing units. These units are in existence and therefore complies with this policy. The exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the state CEQA Guidelines do not apply to this project as there will be no physical change and no unusual circumstances with this acquisition. Staff will issue a Request for Proposals and any subsequent actions through that process will be evaluated for either consistency with this determination, or through separate review.

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