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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Environmental Assessment No. EA/PR&N 2019-03

Project Title: Mellis Park Renovation Project

Project Location: The project is located in Stanislaus County within the City of Modesto at 601 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, between Vine and California Avenues at Mellis Park (APN: 030-010-029, 030, 031 and 032).

Project Description: The project will renovate Mellis Park. The proposed renovations will include the replacement of the restroom facilities, parking lots, baseball field, sports lighting, basketball court, security lighting, utility improvements, adjacent street improvements, pathways, site furnishings, landscaping and irrigation. The project will also include the construction of a new splash pad, outdoor fitness equipment, stage with plaza and events area, security cameras, storm drainage basin, sports field and addition of an indoor gym to the existing King-Kennedy Memorial Center located in the park.

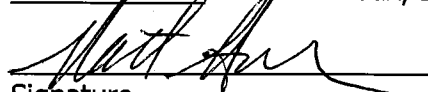
Public Agency Approving Project: City of Modesto

Applicant (Appellant): City of Modesto

Section of CEQA Under Which Project is Exempt: CEQA Guidelines Section 15302: Replacement or Reconstruction & Section 15303: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project is exempt from CEQA because Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines allows for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure or facility will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity. The proposed project will reconstruct Mellis Park and will result in a park with substantially the same purpose and with minimal or no expansion of use compared to the existing park. In addition, Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines allows for the expansion of an existing building not exceeding 10,000 SF if zoned for such use, if not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, where all necessary public services and facilities are available and where the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive. The proposed project will expand the existing King-Kennedy Memorial Center by approx. 7,500 SF, is zone appropriately, does not involve the significant use of hazardous substances and is not in an environmentally sensitive area.

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Date: July 29, 2019

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