WHAT IS CEQA CLASS 32 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION?

The Class 32 “Infill” Categorical Exemption exempts infill development within urbanized areas if it meets certain requirements. Infill projects that are consistent with the local General Plan and Zoning requirements and have negligible environmental impacts may be eligible for this exemption. This class of exemption is not intended for projects that would result in any significant traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality impacts. Residential, commercial, industrial and mixed-use projects may be eligible.

DOES MY PROJECT QUALIFY?

For a proposed project to qualify, you must be able to demonstrate that it meets all of the following:

a) The project and successive projects of the same type in the same place will not result in cumulative impacts;

b) There are no unusual circumstances creating the reasonable possibility of significant effects;

c) The project will not result in damage to scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within an officially designated scenic highway;

d) The project is not located on a site that the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Secretary of Environmental Protection have identified as being affected by hazardous wastes or clean-up problems; or

e) The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS DETERMINATION?

If your project meets all of the requirements listed above, you may qualify for a Class 32 Exemption. Please fill out the Project Data Sheet and Class 32 Exemption Findings and submit them with your development application. Technical studies may be required in order to substantiate the exemption findings. The Project Planner will determine what CEQA review will ultimately be required after analyzing your proposal.
Class 32 (Infill Development) Exemption Findings

Please indicate how your proposal meets the following findings. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations:

2. The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses:

3. The project site has no value as a habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species:

4. Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality:

5. The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services: