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**From:** City of Goleta  
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B  
Goleta, CA 93117



**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:**

Community Autism Services  
Case No. 24-0034-DRB

**Project Applicant:**

Nathan Virs of West Coast Signs  
On behalf of Patterson Associates LLC, Business Owner

**Project Location (Address and APN):**

5385 Hollister Avenue  
Goleta, CA 93117  
County of Santa Barbara  
APN: 071-140-075

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project proposes three 14.4 square foot non-illuminated 1/8" deep aluminum composite building mounted sign panels on three existing buildings/lease spaces in the Pacific Technology Center located at 5385 Hollister Avenue. The proposed signage will have printed graphics of four lines of copy that read COMMUNITY AUTISM SERVICES THE STEPPING STONES GROUP with the company logo to the left of the first three lines of copy. The purpose of the signage is to identify the lease spaces occupied by the business and the beneficiaries of the signage will be the tenant along with its clients who access the business for services.

**Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:**

Design Review Board of the City of Goleta

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:**

Nathan Virs of West Coast Signs on behalf of Patterson Associates LLC, Business Owner

**Exempt Status:**

☒ Categorical Exemption: § 15311 (a) (On-premise signs)

**Reason(s) why the project is exempt:**

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, §§ 21000 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, §§ 15000, et seq.), and the City's Environmental Review Guidelines, the project has been found to be exempt from CEQA. Specifically, the project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15311

(a) (On-premise signs) as it is a sign proposal for a business utilizing three lease spaces in existing buildings within an existing office district. The City of Goleta is acting as the Lead Agency and a Notice of Exemption is proposed to be adopted.

Moreover, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to the project. The exception set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(a), Location. Class 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located and the project is not located in or have an impact on an environmental resource of critical concern that is designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The signs will be added on the existing commercial office buildings and therefore no new construction will occur that would impact an environmental resource. Section 15300.2(b)'s exception, relating to cumulative impacts, does not apply as there are no other successive projects of the same type in the same place that could result in significant cumulative impacts and the proposal is limited to signage. Section 15300.2(c)'s exception does not apply because there are no "unusual circumstances" that apply to the project; as the addition of a business signs in an office district is not unusual. Section 15300.2(d)'s exception does not apply because the project is not located near any scenic highways. Section 15300.2(e)'s exception does not apply because the project site and off-site improvement locations do not contain hazardous waste and are not on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Finally, Section 15300.2(f)'s exception does not apply because the project has no potential of causing a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as it only involves the installation of signage on an existing non-historic commercial building. Additionally, the project's site does not contain any identified significant cultural resources and the addition of non-illuminated building mount signage will not have any ground disturbance.

**City of Goleta Contact Person, Telephone Number, and Email:**

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Signature

Title

Date

**If filed by the applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  
☐Yes ☐No

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083 and 211110, Public Resources Code  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152.1, Public Resources Code