

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: _____ Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)
City of Merced
678 West 18th St.
Merced, CA 95340

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County of Merced
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Merced, CA 95340

Project Title: Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Application #18-14R (Environmental Review #18-27)

Project Applicant: Harvest of Merced, LLC.

Project Location (Specific): 863 W. 15th Street (APN: 031-173-012)

Project Location - City: Merced

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project involves the application for a license to operate a dispensary for both medicinal and adult use cannabis, all in accordance with state and local regulations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Merced

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Harvest of Merced, LLC.

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: Section 15332, Class 32 – Projects characterized as in-fill development;

_____ Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: _____

_____ General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

Reasons why Project is Exempt: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Guidelines Section 15332 Class 32 consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in this section: (a) 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; (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and, (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

Lead Agency: City of Merced

Contact Person: Michael Hren, Principal Planner **Area Code/Telephone:** (209) 385-6858

Signature:  **Date:** 8/24/18 **Title:** Principal Planner

X Signed by Lead Agency

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____
(If applicable)

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21110. Public Resources Code
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1. Public Resources Code