

## Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder  
East Wing, First Floor  
70 West Hedding Street  
San José, CA 95110

**From:** Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School  
District  
17421 Farley Road West  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

**Project Title:** Los Gatos High School Lower Fields Athletic Facilities Improvements

**Project Location:** Los Gatos High School, 20 High School Court

**Project Location – City:** Los Gatos, CA 95030 **Project Location – County:** Santa Clara County

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

**Description of Project:** The project proposes to replace the natural turf on the existing softball and adjacent multi-use fields (lower fields) with synthetic turf. Proposed related improvements include a restroom building, relocated and new bleachers, additional batting cage, picnic/memorial area, pedestrian paths, retaining walls and fencing, landscaping, and relocated storage sheds and infield fines bin. The fields will stay in their current locations and no new field lighting is proposed. Project construction would start May 2016 and is scheduled to be completed September 2016.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

**Exempt Status:** One or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed project:

Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alterations to a public facility involving no or negligible expansion of use.

Class 2 - Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site for substantially the same purpose.

Class 3 - Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of small structures from one use to another where only small modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

Class 4 - Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Class 11 - Section 15311. Accessory Structures: Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

Class 14 - Section 15314. Minor Additions to Schools: Minor additions to schools within school grounds where the addition does not increase student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms.

Class 30 - Section 15330. Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release or Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances: Any minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release of hazardous waste or substances which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed improvements to the existing Los Gatos High School recreation facilities are minor and would occur within the boundary of the existing Los Gatos High School campus. The proposed improvements would be located on the same site for the same purpose, and would not involve expansion of use.

Per section 15300.2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, it has been determined that the project is not located on a hazardous waste site, would not result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources, affect a historic resource, or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons and those stated above, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

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**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Title:** Asst. Superintendent/CBO