

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – CITY OF NOVATO

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**Project Title:** Objective Architecture Standards – Zoning Ordinance Amendments

**Project Location:** Citywide - City of Novato, County of Marin

**Assessor Parcel No.:** N/A

**Description of Project:** Amendment of the Novato Municipal Code to establish objective architecture standards for new residential development projects.

**Public Agency Taking Approving the Project:** City of Novato

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Novato

**Exempt Status:**

**Statutory Exemptions:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** Section 15061(b)(3) - The objective architecture standards address the architectural appearance of new residential development, including specifying architecture styles, roof types (e.g., gable, hip, etc.), window designs, and exterior finish materials. These are cosmetic elements of new residential development and do not include or cause any change to the location, density, physical limits (e.g., height, mass, lot coverage, etc.), or operational (e.g., vehicle traffic, energy consumption, etc.) aspects of new residential development that could otherwise cause a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Steve Marshall

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**Signature:** *Steve Marshall*  
Steve Marshall, Deputy Director of Community Development

**Date:** 10/16/23

**Signed by Lead Agency**     **Signed by Applicant**

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

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