

**Town of Los Gatos Community Development Department**

110 E. Main Street

Los Gatos, CA 95030

Subject: Environmental Checklist - Description of Project**Project:** Exterior Front and Rear Improvements for Venture Christian Church**Address:** 16845 Hicks Rd. Los Gatos, CA 95032**Scope:** Front Entry Exterior Modifications, Youth Hangout & Sport Court, Rear Accessibility Upgrades and new parking.**Environmental Checklist – Description of Project**

We are refreshing existing entry and amenity space at the front and rear of the church to improve experience for our current parishioners and students. We reviewed our improvements with a land use attorney in preparation for this application and think our improvements fall below any further environmental studies based on a few overlapping exemptions, noted below. We look forward to your review.

- **Class 1** (14 Cal Code Regs §15301) Existing Facilities: consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.
- **Class 2** (15302) Replacement or Reconstruction: consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.
- **Class 3** (15303) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: consists of 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 existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Includes accessory structures such as garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.
- The CEQA Guidelines also include a “**common sense exemption**” specifying that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. (15061(b)(3).)