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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**EXHIBIT "D"**

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** City of Watsonville  
Community Development Dept.  
250 Main Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076

Clerk of the Board  
Santa Cruz County  
701 Ocean Street, Room 520  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**FILE NO.:** PP2023-5027

**Project Title:** Cannabis Retail Facility

**Project Location - Specific:** 1324 West Beach Street

**Project Location - City:** Watsonville

**Project Location - County:** Santa Cruz

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** Cannabis Use Permit with Environmental Review (PP2023-5027) to allow a change in the ownership structure of an existing 1,318± square foot cannabis retail facility.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Watsonville

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Jonathan Kolodinski, on behalf of The Pajaro Inc. and South Cord Management, LLC. (The Catalyst), 1324 West Beach Street, Watsonville, CA 95076

**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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption per Section 15301 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* as it involves a change in the ownership structure of an existing cannabis retail facility. The project does not involve an expansion of use and is located in an area that is not environmentally sensitive where all necessary public services and facilities are available.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Matt Orbach

**Telephone:** 831-768-3074

**If filed by applicant:**

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

**Signature:** [Signature] **Date:** January 9, 2024 **Title:** Principal Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: .  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code

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AND ENDING 3/27/24

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