

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 12  
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: City of Watsonville  
Community Development Dept  
250 Main Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076

☒ Clerk of the Board  
Santa Cruz County  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

FILE NO.: PP2025-9606

**Project Title:** Administrative Use Permit to allow a new Commercial Fitness Facility for Planet Fitness

**Project Location - Specific:** 1702 Freedom Boulevard

**Project Location - City:** Watsonville

**Project Location - County:** Santa Cruz

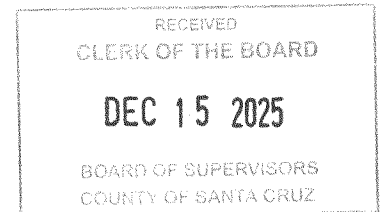
**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project is proposing a new 20,229-square-foot Commercial Fitness Facility (Planet Fitness) within an existing commercial building located at 1702 Freedom Boulevard.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Jillian Sanchez, applicant, on behalf of Richard Chavez, property owner, 10147 San Fernando Road, Pacoima, CA 91331

**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, §15301  
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_



**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption from the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Examples of projects eligible for a Class 1 exemption include interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances. Here the proposed project involves a tenant improvement for the conversion of 20,229 square feet of floor area within a portion of an existing commercial building into a commercial fitness facility.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Matt Orbach

**Telephone:** 831.768.3075

**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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Signature:** [Signature] **Date:** 11/24/25 **Title:** Zoning Administrator

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A  
PERIOD COMMENCING 12/15/2025  
AND ENDING 01/20/2025