

Notice of Exemption
California Environmental Quality Act



TO: **COUNTY CLERK**
County of Contra Costa
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Office of Planning & Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814


FROM: **CITY OF CONCORD**
Community Development Department
1950 Parkside Drive, MS/53
Concord, CA 94519
PHONE: (925) 3152

PROJECT TITLE Authentic Concord LLC Cannabis Storefront Retail	
PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC 1045 Galaxy Way, Concord, CA 94520	
PROJECT LOCATION - CITY, COUNTY CITY OF CONCORD, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project consists of an Administrative Permit, Minor Exception, Design and Site Review, and a Development Agreement between the City of Concord and Authentic Concord, LLC, to establish a cannabis storefront retail and delivery business. Authentic is proposing to occupy a 5,323 square foot building located at 1045 Galaxy Way for the cannabis storefront retail use. The hours of operation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days per week. Delivery hours will be during business hours and delivery vehicles will be owned by the driver. The proposal includes interior changes to the floor plan to accommodate their business operation, as well as minor exterior improvements to the building and the site. Proposed improvements include replacing storefront windows, removing the overhang on the east side of the building, replanting empty landscape areas, and reconfiguring parking spaces. A bicycle rack and trash enclosure will be added, the ADA path of travel will be brought up to current standards, existing parking lot lighting fixtures will be upgraded to LED lights, and the façade will be repainted as necessary.	
NAME OF LEAD AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT City of Concord, Community Development Department Attn: Lorna Villa 1950 Parkside Drive Concord, CA 94519 (925) 671-3176	Project Applicant, Address, & Phone Number Tom Wilson TWA Architects 5055 Business Center Drive #108 Fairfield, CA 94534 (707) 747-1231
EXEMPT STATUS (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Sense Exemption (15061(b)(c)) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption - CODE NO: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption - CLASS: _____ SECTION NO: _____	
REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT The proposed project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the Common Sense Exemption. The activity is covered by the common sense exemption in that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. An Exemption Memorandum prepared by Raney Planning & Management Inc., provides substantial evidence showing that the proposed project can be considered exempt from CEQA under guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). The documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the City has based this determination on is located in and may be obtained from the City of Concord Clerk's Office, 1950 Parkside Drive, Concord 94519.	
LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON Lorna Villa, Associate Planner	TELEPHONE (925) 671-3176

This notice shall be filed only after approval of an exempt project.

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
3. Attach a \$50.00 check made payable to County of Contra Costa.
4. Attach original and two copies of this Notice of Exemption.
5. Attach two self-addressed, stamped envelopes.

SIGNATURE 	TITLE Associate Planner	DATE October 14, 2022
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Signed by: Applicant Lead Agency

AFFIDAVIT OF COUNTY CLERK FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on _____ I received and posted this Notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 2115.2. Said Notice will remain posted for thirty (30) days from the filing date.

By _____ Date _____