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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: Solano County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street
Suite 6500
Fairfield, CA 94533

FROM: Vallejo City Unified School District
665 Walnut Avenue
Vallejo, CA 94592

PROJECT TITLE: Closure of Loma Vista Environmental Science Academy
and Transfer of students to Solano Widenmann Leadership
Academy

PROJECT LOCATION: Loma Vista Environmental Science Academy: 146 Rainier
Ave., Vallejo, CA. 94589

Solano Widenmann Leadership Academy: 1025 Corcoran
Ave., Vallejo, CA 94589

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:

The Project consists of the District closing its Loma Vista Environmental Science Academy and transferring 365 students from the closed school to another District school, Solano Widenmann Leadership Academy.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Vallejo City Unified School District

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Vallejo City Unified School District

EXEMPT STATUS: The District has determined that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Pub. Resources Code §§ 21080.18, 21084, 21084.1 and Title 14 of Cal. Code Regs. § 15314.

REASON PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Under Public Resources Code section 21080.18, CEQA does not apply to the closing of any public school in which kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12 is maintained or the transfer of students from that public school to another school if the only physical changes involved are categorically exempt under Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 15000) of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Administrative Code.

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The Class 14 categorical exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15314) applies to minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. Here, Solano Widenmann Leadership Academy will receive 365 total students from the closed Loma Vista Environmental Science Academy. Solano Widenmann has a current enrollment of approximately 615 students with the campus having a capacity for 1,170 students. The addition of the Loma Vista students would result in a total of approximately 980 students, still well below the capacity of 1,170. Thus, the additional students do not increase the original student capacity.

Additionally, there is no reasonable possibility that the closure and transfer of students will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, the closure and transfer of students will not result in damage to scenic resources, and the closure and transfer of students will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Thus, under Public Resources Code sections 21080.18, 21084, and 210841, and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15314, the Project is exempt.

CONTACT PERSON:

Rubén Aurelio, Superintendent
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Signature: _____

Date: 2/19/25

The Notice of Exemption has been filed by the public agency approving the Project.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING: _____

Resolution No. 5031

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
VALLEJO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CLOSE
A SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF A NOTICE OF
EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA**

WHEREAS, the Vallejo City Unified School District ("District") is a California public school district with broad authority to take actions that are necessary or desirable pursuant to Education Code section 35160, including closing and consolidating District schools;

WHEREAS, Loma Vista Environmental Science Academy ("Loma Vista") is a TK-8 school located at 146 Rainier Ave., Vallejo, CA;

WHEREAS, Solano Widenmann Leadership Academy ("Solano Widenmann") is a TK-8 school located at 1025 Corcoran Ave., Vallejo, CA (the "Campus");

WHEREAS, Loma Vista enrollment is approximately 365 students at the present time. Solano Widenmann enrollment is approximately 615 at the present time, while it has program capacity for 1,170 students;

WHEREAS, for the 2025-2026 school year, to enhance efficiency while still providing educational programs for District students, administration has recommended that the District close Loma Vista, and transition all students to Solano Widenmann (the "Closure");

WHEREAS, as a result of the Closure, no more than 365 students will be reassigned to other District school sites;

WHEREAS, as a result of the Closure there will be no physical changes to the Campus;

WHEREAS, the Board analyzed the Closure in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as set forth in California Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq., and the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Board has found that the Closure is categorically exempt from CEQA and will therefore file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk;

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 21080.18 exempts the closure of any public school in which kindergarten or any grades 1 through 12 is maintained or the transfer of students from that public school to another school if the only physical changes involved are categorically exempt;

WHEREAS, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15314 creates an exemption for "minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less;

WHEREAS, because the reassignment of former Loma Vista students to any other school site will not increase enrollment at any site beyond its existing capacity, will not require

any physical changes to any other school site, and will not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, the Closure fits within the exception provided in §15314.

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14 section 15061, the District has considered whether the Closure may have a significant effect on the environment and has concluded, through its own independent review and analysis, that the Closure will not have a significant effect on the environment:

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 41329(a)(2)(D)(i) requires that upon an affirmative action by the governing board of the school district to implement a school closure or consolidation, the school district shall provide information to parents and pupils in multiple formats, including, but not limited to, email and paper notifications:

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the Closure is in the best interest of the District; and

WHEREAS, at this meeting, the Board approved Resolution 5031, in which the Board presented its final recommendations regarding school closure and consolidations through the Equity Impact Analysis and concluded the community engagement process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. Based on an analysis of existing data, and after hearing and receiving community input, the Board hereby finds and determines that the Closure is in the best interests of the District, its students, and the community and hereby authorizes the Closure.
3. The Closure falls within Public Resources Code section 21080.18 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15314 because any increase in enrollment at other school sites will not increase original student capacity of those sites by more than 25% or 10 classrooms.
4. The Closure will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
5. The Closure will not result in damage to a scenic resource pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21084.
6. The Project will not result in substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21084.1.
7. The Superintendent or his designee is authorized to file a Notice of Exemption from CEQA, consistent with this Resolution, with the County Clerk and State Clearinghouse, as appropriate.
8. The Superintendent or his designee is authorized to take all other actions as necessary to

