

RESOLUTION 2024-43

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES
APPROVING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOLS AND
SENIORS' SIDEWALK PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City wishes to construct sidewalk improvements at various locations to eliminate gaps and provide sidewalk connectivity close to schools and senior housing; and

WHEREAS, the City has proposed a Schools and Seniors' Sidewalk Project that would allow the City to install new sidewalks, replace damaged sidewalks, and install ADA compliant access ramps at driveways and intersections; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded funding from the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Cycle 6 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Schools and Seniors' Sidewalk Project to construct sidewalk improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Schools and Seniors' Sidewalk Project and staff have evaluated the Project as required under CEQA; and

WHEREAS, City staff have determined that the Schools and Seniors' Sidewalk Project is categorically exempt under Section 15300 of the State CEQA Guidelines. City staff have determined that the Schools and Seniors Sidewalk Project meets the requirements for Categorical Exemptions as defined by Section 15300.4, Class 1 exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Needles City Council has sufficiently considered all testimony and any documentary evidence presented to them in order to make the following determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Needles as follows:

- 1) Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Schools and Seniors' Sidewalk Project is exempt from CEQA, and
- 2) Staff is directed to file the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Schools and Seniors' Sidewalk Project with the State of California, Governor's Office of Planning and Research - State Clearinghouse, and the San Bernardino County Clerk.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November 2024 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor

(Seal)

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney