



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, California 94132

Project Title: San Francisco State University – Student Housing Renovation Project

Project Location-Specific:

Address: 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. 94132
Cross Streets: Font Boulevard and Lake Merced Boulevard
Latitude/Longitude: 37°43'20" N / 122°28'42" W / 172' elevation
Parcel No: Lot 5, Assessors Block 7299

Project Location-City: San Francisco **Project Location-County:** San Francisco

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Francisco State University is proceeding with improvements and renovations to two of its oldest residence halls – Mary Ward Hall and Mary Park Hall (see campus map, #91 and #92). The purpose of the Project is to address deferred maintenance, in addition to the reconfiguration of current double occupancy units into triple occupancy units, which will further mitigate enrollment growth as well as the Bay Area housing shortage. The Project will also include accessibility upgrades, new elevators, fire protection, plumbing, power and distribution systems. A new demonstration kitchen and student study areas and lounges will be provided to improve residential programming. The Project will advance the educational mission of the CSU in general and provide immediate benefits to the San Francisco campus in particular.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Trustees of the California State University

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Francisco State University

The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority: (check one)

x Categorical Exemption. (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §§15300 *et. seq.*) State class number: Class 1

Reasons why project is exempt:

It has been determined that the Project is Categorically Exempt under Title 14, CCR 15301, Class 1: Existing Facilities. Because renovations to existing residence halls will cause negligible or no expansion of an existing use, the Project is exempt. Importantly, the Project is not foreclosed by an enumerated exception on the use of a Categorical Exemption (14 Cal Code Regs. Section 15300.2). Specifically, the Project will not be located in a particularly sensitive environment; will not have a significant cumulative impact; will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, will not result in damage to scenic resources, will not be located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to state law; and, an October 2018 historic resource evaluation determined that the 60 year old buildings are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources. As such, it will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. For these reasons, it is determined that the student housing renovation projects are exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is necessary.

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