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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: School of Medicine Education Building II
Project Location: UC Riverside Campus
County: Riverside

Notice is hereby given that the University of California intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed School of Medicine Education Building II (SoM Ed. II) project located on the University of California, Riverside (UCR) campus, in the University community of the City of Riverside. The site lies east of Interstate 215/State Route 60, in Riverside, California. The approximately 3-acre project site encompasses the site of the existing School of Medicine (SoM) modular trailer, Parking Lot 40, Parking Lot D17, a grab and go café (Scotty's Market), and Greenhouse #6 located at the eastern area of the UCR campus, west of East Campus Drive and east of Boyce Hall.

In accordance with the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and University of California (UC) Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, an Initial Study for the above-named project has been prepared. The Initial Study tiers from the UCR 2005 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR; November 2005) as supplemented and updated by the UCR 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR (October 2011). Based upon the Tiered Initial Study, it has been determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate for this project.

UCR proposes to construct an approximately 75-foot high, 120,000 gross square feet SoM Ed. II building consisting of instructional, collaboration, and student life space, as well as office and support spaces. The proposed project will also include a service loading area, stationary equipment [e.g., heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC)], landscaping, fire and emergency and service access improvements, and other associated site improvements. It is assumed that the existing SoM modular trailer would be relocated temporarily to Parking Lot 10, and then relocated permanently to an existing surface parking area within the Corporation Yard, or an existing paved area, northwest of Parking Lot 30 on West Campus. The proposed project would include the demolition of asphalt pavement, demolition of Greenhouse #6, removal of ornamental landscape, grading and construction of the new SoM Ed. II building, vehicular and non-vehicular circulation, hardscape and landscape, and infrastructure relocation/improvements.

The project site is in an area designated as "Academic," which allows for the development of the proposed project. The project site is not identified on any lists of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5.

It has been determined that with incorporation of applicable LRDP Planning Strategies (PSs), Programs and Practices (PPs), and Mitigation Measures (MMs), as well as project-specific MMs, the proposed project would not result in any new significant impacts that are not examined in the UCR 2005 LRDP EIR as supplemented and updated by the UCR 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR, and the project Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), or in a significant increase in the previously identified impacts. This letter is intended to serve as the Notice of Intent to Adopt for the proposed project. The project's anticipated environmental effects are discussed in the Draft IS/MND. Copies of the Draft IS/MND and all documents referenced therein are available for review at the address below. In addition, the Draft IS/MND is available for review on the web at:

<https://pdc.ucr.edu/environmental-planning-ceqa>



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Pursuant to CEQA, the 30-day public review period will extend from **December 18, 2020 through January 18, 2021**. Comments on the Draft IS/MND must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on January 18, 2021**. Submit your comments to CEQA@ucr.edu or send written comments to:

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