



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: California State University, Long Beach  
1250 N. Bellflower Boulevard  
Long Beach, California 90815

**Project Title:** Liberal Arts 1 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Renovation & PSY Minor Renovation

**Project Applicant:** California State University, Long Beach

### Project Location-Specific:

The project site is located on the California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) campus, located at 1250 N. Bellflower Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90815. The CSULB campus encompasses 322 acres and is bounded by East Atherton Street to the north, Palo Verde Avenue to the east, East 7th Street to the south, and Bellflower Boulevard to the west. The Liberal Arts 1 Building (LA1) location is situated in the southern portion of the campus, east of the VA Hospital and west of the Central Quad. To the north area additional Liberal Arts buildings, and the University Library is located to the south. West Campus Drive runs adjacent to LA1 on the west. The Department of Psychology Building (PSY) is located several buildings north of LA1, north of additional Liberal Arts buildings, south of the campus bookstore, east of the VA Hospital, and west of the Student Success Center. The latitude/longitude of the Project location is: 33° 46' 39.8748" N, -118° 6' 52.956" W.

**Project Location – City:** Long Beach      **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

### Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project would renovate the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of LA1 and a small portion of PSY. LA1, which was built in 1962, houses the Liberal Arts College's advising department (ATLAS) as well as the Department of Geology. The purpose of the renovation is to address deferred maintenance, capital renewal, energy efficiency, and ADA compliance needs. First floor construction for ATLAS would include the installation of new doors, carpet, and paint, electrical, mechanical, and acoustical systems upgrades, installation of LED lighting, and the addition of a fire-rated ceiling over existing corridors, in order to complete renovations for a new waiting area, office upgrades, a new huddle room/kitchenette, a conference room, and Director offices. First floor construction for the Department of Geology would include new finishes, acoustical ceilings, HVAC registers, and AV equipment installation, in order to complete renovations for the waiting areas, a new main advising office, a new graduate student lounge, a conference room, a staff break room, a research room, and faculty offices. Restroom finishes would be upgraded, and additional fixtures installed, including drinking fountains. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor improvements for the Department of Geology would include accessibility upgrades, all new finishes, LED lighting, acoustic wall panels, and writable wall surfaces. PSY houses the Department of Psychology in addition to some space for the Department of Geology. The partial renovation of PSY would include a new wet lab and prep rooms, totaling approximately 1,110 square feet, in the southeast portion of the building on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** California State University, Long Beach

**The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority:**

**Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:** Section 15301 (Class 1)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The proposed project would include interior renovations of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the existing Liberal Arts 1 Building and partial renovations on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor within the Psychology building on the CSULB campus in order to address deferred maintenance, capital renewal, energy efficiency, and ADA compliance needs, as well as install a new wet lab and prep rooms. Renovations would require interior construction and finishes, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and fire services and installations, and built-in equipment and furnishings.

The project is categorically exempt under Class 1 Existing Facilities, having met the qualifying criteria provided under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Section 15301 provides some, but does not limit project scope to, examples of such projects, including interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances. As detailed above, the proposed Project would be categorized under this description.

In addition, with adherence to existing regulations and Best Management Practices that are employed on campus, the construction of the project would not result in impacts to environmental resources. As such, the proposed project would be considered an improvement to an Existing Facility and would be exempt under a Class 1 Categorical Exemption.

**Lead Agency**

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Signed by Lead Agency

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