

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Falling Leaves Foundation Medical Innovation Building
Location: University of California, Irvine
Lead Agency: University of California, Irvine
County: Orange

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and University of California Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, an Initial Study for the Falling Leaves Foundation Medical Innovation Building (project) was prepared by the University of California, Irvine (UCI), and was determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is the appropriate level of analysis.

The proposed project would demolish portions of the existing surface parking Lots 82 and 83 and a segment of Heath Sciences Road that bisects the project site to construct an approximately 250,000-gross-square-foot (GSF) facility within the UCI West Campus to support collaborative, interdisciplinary, and innovative research in medicine and other health sciences disciplines. Proposed uses to be constructed within the new facility include academic, laboratory, research, administrative, and support space. An existing segment of Health Sciences Road currently bisects the project site. As part of the proposed project, the roadway segment would be realigned around the eastern boundary of the project site. Other site improvements would include an arrival court, terraces, native garden, patient drop-off area, 24-hour lighting, and ornamental landscaping.

The project has been analyzed in the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and determined that, with the incorporation of mitigation, it will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Draft IS/MND is available for public review and is accessible online at <https://cpep.uci.edu/environmental/review.php>. While offices are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, viewing of hard copies of the documents can be scheduled by appointment through the contact listed below. Comments will be received January 26, 2022 through February 24, 2022, and can be emailed to hashimol@uci.edu or mailed to:

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The Draft IS/MND, along with comments received during the public review period, will be considered by the University of California, Irvine in conjunction with project approval.

Sincerely,



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