

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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 County Clerk, County of \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** University of California, San Diego  
Campus Planning, MC 0074  
9500 Gilman Drive  
La Jolla, California 92093-0074

**Project Title:** Audrey Geisel University House Security Improvements

**Project Location** – 9630 La Jolla Farms Road

**Project Location – City:** San Diego

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** There has been an increase in student and union-related activism that has focused increasingly on the Chancellor's residence (the Audrey Geisel University House) with negative impacts for the residents and a constant threat of unauthorized access. After a security assessment was conducted by the UC San Diego Police Department, the campus was advised to improve security, most urgently to install access controls in the form of automated gates that will deter access by those not authorized to enter the property. The project would install two new security gates at the existing driveways. The North gate (main gate) will electronically operate with programmable remote devices, while the South gate will be manually operated and locked. The scope includes new electrical conduits for the main gate and repair of asphalt and landscaping in accordance with the University House Maintenance and Operations Plan. An approximately 50-foot-long by 2-foot-deep excavation is required to supply power to the automated gate. Five posts will be required to set the gate and entry pad. Each post would require an approximately 2-foot-square excavation approximately 2 feet deep. No heavy equipment is required, other than a pickup truck and materials delivery truck. Trenching and post setting will be done using hand tools to minimize impacts. The University House is a designated historic structure; though the area the project is located within is not a contributing feature of the designation, the gate was designed to meet the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Historic Resource Rehabilitation. All excavation activity would be monitored by a Native American Monitor and qualified archaeologist. A Coastal Development Permit Exemption has been received from the California Coastal Commission.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** University of California, San Diego

**Parties Undertaking Project:** University of California, San Diego

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b) (c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 15301: Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project qualifies under Class 1 exemption because the project consists of adding two gates to an existing paved driveway access to an existing residence. None of the exceptions to the exemption pursuant to 15300.2 apply.

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**Date:**

02/04/2022

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant