

## 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  
Physical & Environmental Planning  
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Oakland, California 94607-5200

**Project Title:** Neuropsychiatric Replacement Hospital  
**Project Location:** 5900 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA  
**Project Location – City:** Los Angeles  
**Project Location – County:** Los Angeles


**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The project would renovate the former Olympia Medical Center Hospital into a state-of-the-art acute Neuropsychiatric Hospital to provide 119 inpatient beds and related clinical and building support spaces. The existing West building would be demolished and replaced. Site development shall include landscape and hardscape, utilities, and pathways to and around the building. The proposed project would alter and renovate the site and buildings, including interiors, systems, exterior envelope, and equipment to convert the existing facility into the Neuropsychiatric Replacement Hospital.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** University of California  
**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** University of California  
**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b) (c));
- Categorical Exemptions (15301) (15302)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The University has determined that the action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of use) because the project consists of improvements to an existing hospital building with no expansion of use. The improvements and replacement building would be located on the same site as the existing hospital, would continue to provide medical services, would not increase the existing square footage, and would result in fewer patient beds. On a separate and independent basis, the proposed project is also exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) because it consists of demolition and reconstruction of interior spaces, replacement of the non-structural exterior building skin, replacement of the West building, and improvements to the existing circulation system. The determination that the project is categorically exempt is based upon information contained in the record. No exceptions to the exemptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

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**Signature:**   
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**Date:** November 17, 2022  
 Signed by Lead Agency  
 Signed by Applicant