

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Mesa Court Residence Hall Expansion
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 Mesa Court Residence Hall Expansion (project) was prepared by the University of California, Irvine (UCI), and was determined that a Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is the appropriate level of analysis.

The proposed project would demolish a temporary trailer located within Lot 5, installed during the previous Mesa Court expansion, to construct a building with up to 450 student beds in the existing Mesa Court student housing complex. The development would also include common areas throughout the building, including study areas, collective hubs with kitchens, and laundry facilities. Additional site work and development would include grading, connection to utility and drainage systems, installation of lighting and landscape improvements, and construction of pathways and outdoor gathering spaces.

The project has been analyzed in the Draft Subsequent 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 Subsequent IS/MND is available for public review and is accessible online at <https://cpep.uci.edu/environmental/review.php>. Viewing of hard copies of the documents in-person can also be scheduled by appointment through the contact listed below. Comments will be received January 26, 2023 through February 24, 2023, and can be emailed to ceqa@uci.edu or mailed to:

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

Sincerely,



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