

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: University of California, Berkeley
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Project Title: GSPP Landscape Project

Project Location – City Environs, bounded by Hearst Avenue to the south, Upper Hearst Garage to the east, Cloyne Court to the north, and 1893 Le Roy Avenue to the west

Project Location – City: Berkeley, California

Project Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) Landscape Project would rehabilitate and renew the existing landscape between the two GSPP buildings, located at 2607 Hearst Avenue and 1893 Le Roy Avenue. The overall landscape framework would be retained, with renewed hardscape and softscape surfaces and paving, fixed seating, and a code-compliant ramp that is fully located within the GSPP site. The project would also include regrading portions of the existing landscape to provide accessible routes. The building located at 2607 Hearst Avenue and the landscape to the east, south, and west of the building are eligible for listing as a historic resource. The new ramp would require a small opening within the fieldstone wall at the southern edge of the site, which is a contributing element to the landscape's historic character; a portion of exterior wall at the 2607 Hearst Ave building would be removed to improve pedestrian circulation and visibility. New plantings would be added at key seating locations to provide a buffer between the buildings and adjacent gathering areas; no healthy, mature trees would be removed as part of the project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California, Berkeley

Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, Berkeley

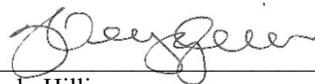
Exempt Status:

- 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 1 & 4,
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The project is categorically exempt under Class 1, CEQA Section 15301 Existing Facilities and CEQA Section 15304 Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land. The project is categorically exempt under Class 1, Existing Facilities, as it consists of alterations to a public facility to meet current ADA standards involving no expansion of existing use. The project is also categorically exempt under Class 4, as it involves the repair, rehabilitation, and renewal of the existing landscape surrounding 2607 Hearst Avenue within the Goldman School of Public Policy complex. Although minor alterations would be made to the fieldstone wall and the exterior entrance on the west side of the 2607 Hearst Avenue building, these alterations would not result in a significant adverse impact to the landscape and the 2607 Hearst Avenue building, which are eligible for listing as historic resources. No expansion of existing or former uses is proposed. The project is not subject to any exceptions to the categorical exemptions. There are not unusual circumstances creating the possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to CEQA Section 15300.2.

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Date:

April 17, 2023

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant