



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: California State University, Long Beach
1250 N. Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90815

Project Title: Family and Consumer Sciences Child and Family Center Renovation Project

Project Applicant: California State University, Long Beach

Project Location-Specific:

The project site is located on the California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) campus in the eastern portion of the City of Long Beach, California. The CSULB campus encompasses 322 acres and is bounded by East Atherton Street to the north, Palo Verde Avenue to the east, East 7th Street to the south, and Bellflower Boulevard to the west. Within the CSULB campus boundary, the project site is located on the south side of Beach Boulevard in the southwestern portion of the campus. The project site is bounded by Beach Boulevard to the north, West Campus Drive to the east, the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center complex to the south, and the Anna W. Ngai Alumni Center to the west.

Project Location – City: Long Beach **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

CSULB proposes to renovate the existing Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) building and construct an addition. The FCS building currently houses the Child and Family Center which is an educational program that provides training and hands-on clinical hours for students to meet their academic degree requirements. The center also provides quality childcare services for employees, their families, and families in the surrounding community. The current facility can house approximately 50 children, six full-time staff members, and student assistants. The addition would enable the program to meet the needs of the growing Child and Family Center while also creating a new safe environment for all occupants. Following the completion of the renovation activities, daycare offerings would be expanded to current students which would address the waitlist and need for this service on campus. Once completed, the renovation and expansion of the Child and Family Center would provide sufficient space to accommodate a total of 54 toddlers, 54 preschoolers, and additional full-time staff.

This project would renovate 9,680 gross square feet (GSF) of the existing classrooms and children's restrooms. Additionally, the proposed FCS Addition would expand the FCS building to the west and become the new façade of the building. The 6,200 GSF addition to the west would include three new toddler classrooms, child restrooms, kitchenette, and staff break room. The two existing play areas would be renovated, and a third play area would be constructed. All play areas would be covered with a steel-structured canopy with tensile fabric and connected with colorful fencing. These play areas include a toddler play space, a pre-kindergarten play space, and a nature yard.

Construction of the project would include a drop-off zone, turnaround lane, new domestic water service lines, and new irrigation systems. The project would also require grading and the finished floor of the building would be set appropriately to allow for drainage away from the building. The

outdoor areas would also be graded relative to the existing structure. The project would incorporate sustainability strategies, including maximizing mechanical, electrical, and plumbing system efficiencies, minimizing overall greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting electrification.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to take approximately 12 months to complete, commencing in January 2024 and concluding in November 2024.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Trustees of the California State University

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California State University, Long Beach

The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority:

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301, Class 1

Reasons why project is exempt:

As discussed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, a Class 1 exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Examples of the types of existing facilities that fall within Class 1 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.
- e) Additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than:
 - 2. 10,000 square feet if:
 - A) The project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and
 - B) The area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

The proposed project would include interior renovations to the existing classrooms and restrooms in the FCS building, an existing facility on the CSULB campus. Interior renovations would be minor, totaling approximately 9,680 GSF of the total building size of 39,680 GSF. Exterior renovations would occur at the two existing outdoor play areas, and a third play area would be constructed. The proposed interior and exterior renovations would constitute minor alterations of the existing facility to support the existing uses at the site and allow for a nominal increase in daycare services at the project site.

The proposed FCS Addition would be 6,200 GSF and would extend the existing FCS building to the west. Once completed, the renovated and expanded FCS building would continue to be served by campus and City of Long Beach public services and facilities, including the Long Beach Fire Department, University Police Department, Long Beach Police Department, University Library, and Long Beach Public Library, similar to existing conditions for the current building. Additionally, the proposed renovation and addition would allow for a nominal increase in daycare services at the project site. As such, the proposed project would be adequately served by all required existing public services and facilities. Furthermore, the project would be located on a site within the CSULB campus that is fully developed and does not contain environmentally sensitive resources.

As shown, the proposed project is consistent with criteria under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. As such, the proposed project qualifies for the Class 1 Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption.

Lead Agency

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Signed by Lead Agency