

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:** University of California, Berkeley  
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**Project Title:** Emeryville Optometry Clinic Project

**Project Location:** 3800 San Pablo Avenue

**Project Location:** Emeryville, CA

**Project Location:** Alameda County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** Several years ago, a mixed use development that was currently under construction at 3800 San Pablo Avenue in the City of Emeryville was donated to UC Berkeley. Located three miles from the UC Berkeley Campus Park, the development located at 3800 San Pablo Avenue, known as the Intersection Building, now consists of 105 apartment style housing units for students, approximately 25,000 GSF of vacant commercial space and a parking structure providing 107 spaces. In 2013, the City of Emeryville, the host jurisdiction, entitled the development project under streamlined review pursuant to CEQA as an urban infill project (Class 32, In-fill Development Projects). Now, UC Berkeley proposes to build out the vacant commercial building to provide approximately 27,400 assigned square feet (39,400 gross square feet) for the School of Optometry for clinical and administrative support space, lecture theater, meeting rooms, non-cooking/catering prep kitchen, and retail eyewear center that includes new interior partitions, plumbing, electrical conveyances, as well as seismic and code upgrades. The project would create an additional 17,400 gross square feet of new interior space over the existing conditions. No new parking would be added as part of the project.

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

**Parties Undertaking Project:** University of California, Berkeley

**Exempt Status:**

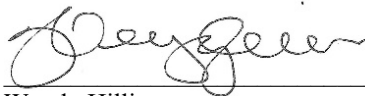
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b) (c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Class 32 (15332): Infill Exemption**
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15332, Class 32 In-Fill Development Projects. The project site is a developed property in an urbanized area that is served by all required utilities and public services and the project is consistent with the City of Emeryville's general plan and zoning requirements. Furthermore, the project site is less than five acres and has no biological habitat value, and the project would not result in significant traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality effects. None of the exceptions to the exemption apply (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2).

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