

**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  
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**Project Title:** University House Interior Repairs and Greenhouse Demolition  
**Project Location** –University of California, Berkeley, Campus Park  
**Project Location – City:** Berkeley  
**Project Location – County:** Alameda

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):**

The project involves interior repair work including painting, replacing, and cleaning carpeting, replacing lighting fixtures, repairing an exterior security gate, and installing safety features on balcony railing. The campus also proposes to demolish an existing greenhouse structure that is in significant disrepair and has a seismic performance rating of V. The greenhouse was constructed in 1933; however, an evaluation by the campus determined that the structure is not eligible to be consider a historic resource or contributing feature to the University House’s designation.

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

**Parties Undertaking Project:** University of California;

**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
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities, as it involves improvements to an existing property involving no expansion of existing or former use. The greenhouse is a small structure without permanent occupancy and the demolition would address documented life-safety concerns with its continued use. Therefore, the project will not result in a substantial adverse change to the building such that its historical significance would be impaired. Furthermore, there are no 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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**Signature:**

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**Date:** 3/21/2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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