

## 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 Planning  
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Oakland, California 94607-5200

**Project Title:** Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center Fourth Floor Patient Care Reconfiguration Project

**Project Location:** Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center

**Project Location – City:** Los Angeles

**Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** UCLA Health proposes to convert the west, east, and north units of the fourth floor of Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center from “Behavioral Health” to “General Medical and General Surgical Acute Care” spaces to better meet current demands for acute medical care by expanding inpatient bed capacity. The Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center Fourth Floor Patient Care Reconfiguration project would accommodate approximately 103 beds in 90 rooms, representing a net increase of 29 beds or 6 percent, to alleviate ongoing over-capacity conditions along with taking a substantially similar number of behavioral health beds off-line.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** University of California

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- 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 (15301)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities because it consists of the alteration of an existing structure and involves negligible expansion of existing or former uses, specifically, interior renovations in an area where existing public services and facilities are available to serve the project; the project area is not environmentally sensitive; and it can be concluded with certainty that the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center Fourth Floor Patient Care Reconfiguration project will not have a significant impact on the environment. None of the exceptions to the exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

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**Title:** Associate Director, Physical and Environmental Planning

**Date:** May 16, 2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant