

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: University of California, San Francisco
Real Estate - Campus Planning
654 Minnesota Street, 2nd Floor
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Project Title: MLK Jr. Way Building First Floor Lab Upgrade, University of California, San Francisco

Project Location: 5700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland, CA

Project Location – City: Oakland

Project Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) proposes to renovate approximately 8,500 assignable square feet of laboratory and administrative space on the first floor of the MLK Jr. Way Building, located at 5700 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Oakland, California, to bring the space up to current code and optimize operations. The outdated lab space would be renovated to include wet labs and associated support spaces, including workstations, tissue culture rooms, support and equipment spaces, freezer storage, private offices, administrative support, and a reception area. In addition, new lab equipment and office furniture would be installed. Two new cooling units would be added to the roof (with no external alterations made to the building) to offset the additional heat generated by the freezers in the lab. New standard and emergency electrical panels and transformers would be installed to serve the lab's loads. In addition, the proposed project would bring certain spaces into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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. State type and section number: Section 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- General Exemption. (Sec. 15061(b)(3).

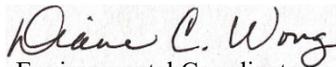
Reason Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), which exempts minor alterations of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. The proposed project would update existing laboratory space with no expansion of the building. As a minor alteration to an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use, the proposed project would qualify for a categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a designated Oakland Landmark, and therefore is considered a historical resource under CEQA. Consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, the proposed alterations would not remove or otherwise adversely affect character-defining features of the building. Accordingly, the proposed project would not have a significant impact on a historical resource. None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would apply to the proposed project.

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Signature:



Title: Environmental Coordinator

Date: May 30, 2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

cc: University Counsel Clifford, Associate Director Harrington, Assistant Vice Chancellor Murasaki, Executive Director Beauchamp, City of Oakland Planning Department, Association of Bay Area Governments, AFSCME