

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk  
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33  
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
Environmental Services Unit  
Attn: **Samantha Mayer**  
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS O-332  
San Diego, CA 92123

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: HOPWA – Fraternity House, Inc. Housing Operations Independent Living

Project Location: 633 Ascot Drive, Vista, CA 92084

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, HHS/HCDS  
3989 Ruffin Road, MS-0231, San Diego, CA 92123-1152

Project Description: The project involves funding for the housing operations of independent living units for the chronically ill who no longer need 24-hour care.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Kelly Salmons Telephone: 858-694-4806

Date Form Completed: April 12, 2024

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on March 12, 2024 (#14) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

**Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)**

- Categorical Exemption:** Sec. G 15301 Existing Facilities
- Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
- Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
- General:** Sec. C.
- Ministerial:** Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
- Preliminary Review:** Sec. G
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

**Statement of reasons why project is exempt:** The project qualifies for a CEQA Categorical Exemption under Section 15301 – Existing Facilities of the State CEQA Guidelines because "Class I consists of the operation...leasing...of existing...private structures... involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination...The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use..." The project consists of funding for housing operations for independent living units in an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use; therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA.

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (858) 694-8450

Name (Print): David Estrella Title: Director

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.