

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Judicial Council of California
2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95833

County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Removal of six Aleppo pines that are at risk of falling

Project Applicant: Judicial Council of California

Project Location - Specific:

Harbor Justice Center Courthouse grounds

Project Location - City: Newport Beach Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Six mature Aleppo pine trees to be removed. The trees are leaning due to overcrowding and compacted soil on the perimeters of the parking lot. The trees are at risk of falling and currently pose a safety hazard.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Judicial Council of California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Judicial Council 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: Class I, CCR 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project qualifies for a Class I categorical exemption because it includes the maintenance of existing landscaping. The trees to be removed are not native or protected species. Additionally, removal will occur after nesting season so as not to disturb any potentially nesting birds or active nests.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Hilda Iorga Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-263-1541

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ▪ Yes No

Signature: Hilda Iorga Digitally signed by Hilda Iorga Date: 2024.07.05 15:36:53 -07'00' Date: 7/5/2024 Title: Facilities Supervisor

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____