

## 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:** Acquisition of 1100 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego  
**Project Location:** 1100 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, California 92101  
**Project Location – City:** San Diego  
**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The proposed action is the acquisition of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego’s downtown building located at 1100 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101. UC San Diego would continue to utilize the property in its existing capacity as an arts museum.

**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 (21080(a))
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1, “Existing Facilities;” Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, § 15301). The project is exempt because it involves acquisition of an existing building with negligible or no expansion of use beyond existing conditions and no change in land use. None of the exceptions to the exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply. On a separate and independent basis, the acquisition is also exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because there would be a change in ownership in the property with no change in use, and therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the acquisition by itself would have a significant effect on the environment. The action does not commit the university to any future redevelopment. Any future action on the property would be subject to additional CEQA documentation and approval by the Regents (or delegate), and is not a subject of the proposed transaction.

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**Signature:**



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December 20, 2024

**Title:**  
**Date:**  
 Signed by Lead Agency  
 Signed by Applicant