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Notice of Exemption

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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 County of Alameda County Clerk

FROM: City of Berkeley
Planning and Development Department
1947 Center Street, 2nd Floor
Berkeley, CA 9470

Project Title: 933 Gilman Street (#ZP2024-0136)

Project Location: 933 Gilman Street, City of Berkeley, County of Alameda

Project Description: Use Permit #ZP2024-0136 to establish an approximately 54,600 square foot public safety facility for the Berkeley Fire Department and Emergency Operations Center in the six buildings bounded by Eighth Street, Gilman Street, and Ninth Street. The project includes: demolition of two accessory structures; conversion of 42,000 square feet to office and ancillary uses including, training facilities (17,200 square feet) and a staff wellness center (5,200 square feet); conversion to a non-emergency ambulance deployment center (7,400 square feet); and a warehouse (5,100 square feet).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Berkeley

Project Sponsor: Devi Dutta-Choudhury, Devi Dutta Architecture, Inc, 928 Carleton Street, Berkeley

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (15301) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption () |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15269(a)) Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Reasons why project is exempt: The project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (“Existing Facilities”), because the change of use converts nonresidential buildings to another nonresidential use. Furthermore, none of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply, as follows: (a) the project is currently characterized as “developed, high-intensity” by the California Natural Diversity Database; therefore, it is not located in an environmentally sensitive area; (b) the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time would not be significant; (c) there are no “unusual circumstances” at the project site that would result in significant environmental effects; (d) there are no eligible or designated scenic highways within the City of Berkeley; therefore, the project site is not in view of a state scenic highway (e) the project site is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, and (f) the project would not result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sharon Gong, Senior Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (510) 981.7429

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: _____ Date: 01/14/25 Title: Senior Planner

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: _____

