

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** University of California  
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**Project Title:** Acquisition of Soltara Apartments

**Project Location:** 27 East Gutierrez Street, 410 State Street, 409 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA

**Project Location – City:** Santa Barbara

**Project Location – County:** Santa Barbara

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The Proposed Action is the acquisition of the ground lease interest and improvements located at 27 East Gutierrez Street, 410 State Street, 409 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, California. No physical changes to the property or buildings are proposed.

**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 proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities as it involves acquisition of the ground lease interest and improvements with no expansion of the existing use. None of the exceptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. No physical changes to the property or buildings are being proposed as part of the acquisition.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Brian Harrington

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**Signature:**



Brian Harrington

**Title:** Director, Physical and Environmental Planning

**Date:** February 11, 2025

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant