

Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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☐ County Clerk, County of _____

From: University of California, San Diego
Campus Planning, MC 0074
9500 Gilman Drive
La Jolla, California 92093-0074

Project Title: University Center Site Demolition

Project Location – West Campus; north of Rupertus Lane; west of Myers Drive; south of Lyman Lane

Project Location – City: La Jolla

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The proposed project would include the demolition of eleven structures, University Center buildings 104-112, 214 and 215, totaling approximately 22,500 gross square feet, and the adjacent surface parking lot. These mostly one-story buildings, ranging in age from 53 to 70 years old, have been deteriorating, require extensive ongoing and costly maintenance, and no longer serve the functional needs of the campus. In addition, if they remain, some would require seismic improvements per the UC Seismic Safety Policy. Most of the occupants of these buildings would be relocated to the future Triton Center, a separately approved project that is currently in construction. The approximately 2.0-acre site would be restored with softscape to create a passive open space area. The proposed project scope would remove some existing landscaping but would preserve as much as possible, including preservation of the existing Metrosideros tree (New Zealand Christmas tree).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California, San Diego

Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, San Diego

Exempt Status:

- ☐ 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 15301 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- ☐ General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1: Existing Facilities, which includes demolition and removal of individual structures. No exceptions to an exemption apply per 15300.2.

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Date: 7/15/2025

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
- ☐ Signed by Applicant