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Notice of Impending Approval

**UCSF Mission Bay Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco
Bed Expansion**

Notice is hereby given that the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) intends to consider approving the UCSF Mission Bay Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco Bed Expansion project. Project approval is expected to occur no earlier than **July 31, 2023**.

The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) proposes to increase the number of licensed pediatric inpatient beds at Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco located at the Mission Bay campus site. The project would provide an additional ten inpatient beds to accommodate current and anticipated program growth. BCH San Francisco has seen a 20 percent growth in inpatient volume since the move to Mission Bay in February 2015, and continues to experience challenges with accommodating pediatric patients due to lack of inpatient bed capacity. The project would renovate approximately 6,800 square feet of support space on the first and fifth floors of the children's hospital to provide the additional inpatient beds.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and University procedures for the implementation of CEQA, the University has determined that this project is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities).

The following environmental documents are attached to this notice:

- Environmental Impact Classification (EIC) form
- Notice of Exemption (Draft – not yet filed)



Campus/Field Station/Division San FranciscoProject Account 9950081Project Title UCSF Mission Bay Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco Bed Expansion

For purposes of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), and Amended University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, this project has been reviewed and initially classified as indicated below. Please check (X) as appropriate. Include project description and appropriate local map with your submission.

☐ I. **EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970** - When it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the action will result in physical change to the environment (15061(b)(3)), or the action is specifically exempted by statute (15260-15285), the project is classified as generally exempt from CEQA. General/Statutory Exemption: \$ [Insert reference to applicable CEQA statutory provision, and, if applicable, the correlating guidelines Section]

☒ II. **CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT** - This project falls under the indicated Class(es) of Exemption(s), none of the exceptions to the exemption apply (15300.2), and there is no significant effect on the environment (for complete list see CEQA Guidelines Section 15300):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class 1: Existing Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 17: Open Space Contracts or Easements
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 23: Normal Operation of Facilities for Public Gatherings
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 3: New Construction or Small Structures	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 25: Transfer of Land: Natural Conditions/Historical Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 30: Minor Actions: Prevent Hazardous Waste/Substances
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 6: Information Collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 31: Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 11: Accessory Structures	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 32: In-Fill Development Projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 13: Acquisition for Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 16: Transfer of Land Ownership for Parks	Other: <u>[If other, identify which class under Section 15300]</u>

☐ III. **INITIAL STUDY** - This project is not statutorily or categorically exempt from CEQA; an Initial Study is to be prepared to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

☐ Stand-Alone ☐ Tiered Initial Study (15152):

[Identify EIR from which Initial Study is tiered]

☐ IV. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)** - It is known that the project will have a direct or cumulatively significant effect on the environment and an EIR will be/has been prepared. Identify the type of EIR:

☐ Programmatic ☐ Stand-Alone (Project-Specific)

Additional project analysis:

☐ None/Findings Only ☐ Addendum ☐ Subsequent ☐ Supplement to EIR:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION - [Insert brief project description, provide supporting documentation as appropriate.]

Real estate transaction type: ☐ Acquisition ☐ Sale ☐ Sublease ☐ Easement ☐ License [Include proposed use in project description below]

The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) proposes to increase the number of licensed pediatric inpatient beds at Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco located at the Mission Bay campus site. The project would renovate approximately 6,800 square feet of support space on the first and fifth floors of the children's hospital and provide ten additional patient beds, for a total licensed bed capacity of 199 beds, to accommodate current and anticipated program growth. BCH San Francisco has seen a 20 percent growth in inpatient volume since the move to Mission Bay in February 2015, and continues to experience challenges with accommodating pediatric patients due to lack of inpatient bed capacity. The proposed bed expansion project would increase the number of licensed pediatric inpatient hospital beds, specifically for medical surgical use, allowing the hospital to accommodate the growing patient volume and treat patients with increasingly complicated health conditions. Renovations on the first floor would include modification of support space to create an eight-bed inpatient unit for medical surgical patients, including a nurse station, support services, equipment and wayfinding signage. Renovations on the fifth floor include converting a multi-purpose room to a two-bed transitional care unit, relocation of the existing airborne infection isolation room, and converting family lounge space and toilets into two new multi-purpose rooms.

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V. Does this project conform to the approved LRDP? ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ NA [If NO or NA, include explanation in Project Description above]

VI. DocuSigned by:
Diane Wong
Prepared by Environmental Coordinator

7/11/2023
Date

DocuSigned by:
[Signature]
Local Approved by AVG... 7/12/2023
Date

VII. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

☒ Concur with Classification ☐ Do not concur with Classification

Signed

Date

The proposed project has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), which exempts minor alterations of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. The proposed project would renovate existing space with no change in use to the building. The proposed ten-bed increase in inpatient capacity represents a negligible expansion of use. The proposed project, as a minor alteration to an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use, would qualify for a categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions identified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would apply to the proposed project.

In Process

Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
☐ Clerk, City and County of San Francisco

From: University of California, San Francisco
Real Estate - Campus Planning
654 Minnesota Street, 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94143-0286

Project Title: UCSF Mission Bay Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco Bed Expansion, University of California, San Francisco

Project Location: 1975 4th Street, UCSF Mission Bay campus site

Project Location – City: San Francisco

Project Location – County: San Francisco

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) proposes to increase the number of licensed pediatric inpatient beds at Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco located at the Mission Bay campus site. The project would provide an additional ten inpatient beds to accommodate current and anticipated program growth. BCH San Francisco has seen a 20 percent growth in inpatient volume since the move to Mission Bay in February 2015, and continues to experience challenges with accommodating pediatric patients due to lack of inpatient bed capacity. The project would renovate approximately 6,800 square feet of support space on the first and fifth floors of the children's hospital to provide the additional inpatient beds.

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. State type and section number: Section 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- ☐ General Exemption. (Sec. 15061(b)(3).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities, exempts from CEQA review projects that involve minor alterations to existing structures involving negligible or no expansion of use. The proposed project would renovate existing space with no change in use to the building. The proposed ten-bed increase in inpatient capacity represents a negligible expansion of use. The proposed project, as a minor alteration to an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use, would qualify for a categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions identified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would apply to the proposed project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Diane Wong, UCSF Real Estate - Campus Planning

Lead Agency Contact Address: 654 Minnesota Street, San Francisco, CA 94143

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (415) 502-5952

Signature: [to be signed and filed following project approval]

Title: Environmental Coordinator

Date: XXXX, 2023

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

cc: University Counsel Clifford
Associate Director Harrington
Assistant Vice Chancellor Murasaki
Executive Director Beauchamp
City of San Francisco Planning Department
Association of Bay Area Governments