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## Notice of Impending Approval

### MLK Jr. Way Building First Floor Lab Upgrade

Notice is hereby given that the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) intends to consider approving the MLK Jr. Way Building First Floor Lab Upgrade project. Project approval is expected to occur no earlier than **April 22, 2024**.

The proposed project is to renovate approximately 8,500 assignable square feet of laboratory and administrative space on the first floor of the MLK Jr. Way Building, located at 5700 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Oakland, California, to bring the space up to current code and optimize operations. The outdated lab space would be renovated to include wet labs and associated support spaces, including workstations, tissue culture rooms, support and equipment spaces, freezer storage, private offices, administrative support, and a reception area. In addition, new lab equipment and office furniture would be installed. Two new cooling units would be added to the roof (with no external alterations made to the building) to offset the additional heat generated by the freezers in the lab. New standard and emergency electrical panels and transformers would be installed to serve the lab's loads. In addition, the proposed project would bring certain spaces into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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 Francisco

Project Account 9003456

Project Title MLK Jr. Way Building First Floor Lab Upgrade, Oakland, CA

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):

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

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]

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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 update existing laboratory space with no expansion of the building. As a minor alteration to an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use, the proposed project would qualify for a categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a designated Oakland Landmark, and therefore is considered a historical resource under CEQA. Consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, the proposed alterations would not remove or otherwise adversely affect character-defining features of the building. Accordingly, the proposed project would not have a significant impact on a historical resource. None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would apply to the proposed project. Conformance to the approved LRDP is not applicable, as the project site is not included in the LRDP.

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

VI. Diane Wong 3/13/2024 [Signature] 3/14/2024  
 Prepared by Environmental Coordinator Date Local Approved by UC... Date

VII. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Concur with Classification  Do not concur with Classification

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[Signature] 3/19/2024  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Project Title: MLK Jr. Way Building First Floor Lab Upgrade, University of California, San Francisco

Project Location: 5700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland, CA

Project Location – City: Oakland  
Project Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) proposes to renovate approximately 8,500 assignable square feet of laboratory and administrative space on the first floor of the MLK Jr. Way Building, located at 5700 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Oakland, California, to bring the space up to current code and optimize operations. The outdated lab space would be renovated to include wet labs and associated support spaces, including workstations, tissue culture rooms, support and equipment spaces, freezer storage, private offices, administrative support, and a reception area. In addition, new lab equipment and office furniture would be installed. Two new cooling units would be added to the roof (with no external alterations made to the building) to offset the additional heat generated by the freezers in the lab. New standard and emergency electrical panels and transformers would be installed to serve the lab’s loads. In addition, the proposed project would bring certain spaces into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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: 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 update existing laboratory space with no expansion of the building. As a minor alteration to an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use, the proposed project would qualify for a categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a designated Oakland Landmark, and therefore is considered a historical resource under CEQA. Consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, the proposed alterations would not remove or otherwise adversely affect character-defining features of the building. Accordingly, the proposed project would not have a significant impact on a historical resource. None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would apply to the proposed project.

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Signature:   
Title: Environmental Coordinator  
Date: April XX, 2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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, AFSCME