

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:** ☒ Office of Planning and Research  
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 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
☐ County Clerk, County of \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** University of California  
 Physical & Environmental Planning  
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 Oakland, California 94607-5200

**Project Title:** University House Elevator Upgrades

**Project Location** – University of California, San Francisco, Parnassus Heights

**Project Location** – City: San Francisco

**Project Location** – County: San Francisco

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The University-provided Chancellor's residence on the San Francisco campus (University House) is a 6,683 square foot residence constructed in 1966. The topography of the site for the University House results in the residence and the garage/driveway separated by a steep grade. The residence is accessible from the driveway by stairs and a mechanical elevator lift to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The elevator lift system is beyond its useful life and the proposed project would replace the lift system to address life safety issues and upgrade the surrounding area to meet ADA requirements.

**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. Class 1, Existing Facilities.  
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:  
☐ General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under:

- Class 1 because the Project would involve minor repairs to an existing structure with no expansion of use. The proposed Project would replace an outdated elevator lift system with a new elevator lift system and upgrade the surrounding areas to be ADA compliant. Although the property is considered a historical resource under CEQA, the improvements would be consistent with Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and would not cause a substantial adverse impact to a historic resource. Additionally, CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 includes a number of exceptions to categorical exemptions, which include the following: location; cumulative impact; significant effect; scenic highways; hazardous waste sites; and historical resources. These exceptions have been determined not to apply to the Project.

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**Date:** April 10, 2019

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency  
☐ Signed by Applicant

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