Assessor's Parcel Numbers:

The following Assessor's Parcel Numbers are within the project site: Alameda County: 057-2034-014-02, 057-2034-014-03, 057-2034-003-00, 057-2034-004-00, 057-2034-011-00, and 057-2034-012-00.

Schools within Two Miles:

Hillside School, New School of Berkeley, Berkeley Arts magnet School, Bayhill High School, The Berkeley School – Early Childhood Center, Mentoring Academy, Berkeley High School, Berkwood hedge School, Washington Elementary School, Walden Center & School, Sylvia Mendez Elementary School, and East Bay School for Boys.

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

The project site's zoning designation is "C-DMU Core" (Downtown Mixed-Use), and the City of Berkeley General Plan land use designation is Downtown.

Description of the Project:

UC Berkeley proposes to develop an Innovation Zone in the City of Berkeley immediately west of the UC Berkeley campus (proposed project). The project site currently comprises several parcels, including University Hall, its annex, the university parking lot immediately to the west of University Hall, and UC-owned commercial buildings located at 2136-2140 University Avenue (Ernest A. Heron Building) and 2154-2160 University Avenue (Martha E. Sell Building), which are city-designated landmarks. The proposed project would demolish all existing structures and redevelop the project site with two laboratory buildings with vehicle parking. The two proposed buildings, referred to as the South Building and the North Building, would include offices, and other collaborative meeting spaces, and would house researchers, faculty, and students from multiple disciplines. The North Building would also include a parking garage. The project would not result in UC Berkeley student population growth, but the proposed project could increase employment-population growth.

UC Berkeley has determined that an EIR will be required for this project, and when the decision to prepare an EIR has already been made, CEQA states that an initial study is not required (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(a)). Accordingly, an initial study has not been prepared.