

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: University Hills Area 12 & LRDP Amendment #4
Location: University of California, Irvine
Lead Agency: University of California, Irvine
County: Orange

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and University of California Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, an Initial Study for University Hills Area 12 and LRDP Amendment #4 was prepared by the University of California, Irvine (UCI), and was determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is the appropriate level of analysis.

The proposed University Hills Area 12 project would demolish 100 multi-family faculty/staff housing units that comprise the existing Las Lomas Apartments complex within University Hills at the UCI South Campus to construct up to 220 attached, for-sale faculty/staff housing units. Additional improvements include off-street multi-use paths and a bridge over East Peltason Drive to increase pedestrian and bicycle connectivity of the University Hills community to the UCI Academic Core, landscaping, and internal roadways to allow vehicular access to the project site via Los Trancos Drive. The UCI 2007 LRDP would be amended to increase the faculty/staff housing capacity from 1,700 units to 1,830 units in order to accommodate the additional units to be constructed as part of the proposed project.

The University Hills Area 12 and LRDP Amendment #4 have been analyzed in the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and determined that, with the incorporation of mitigation, it will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Draft IS/MND is available for public review and is accessible online at <https://cpep.uci.edu/environmental/review.php>. Hard copies of the Draft IS/MND and referenced documents are available for review during business hours at the University of California, Irvine's Office of Campus Physical and Environmental Planning. Comments will be received September 21, 2021 through October 20, 2021, and can be emailed to hashimol@uci.edu or mailed to:

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The Draft IS/MND, along with comments received during the public review period, will be considered by the University of California Regents in conjunction with project approval.

Sincerely,



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