

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk  
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FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
Environmental Services Unit  
Attn: Anissa Busch  
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS O-332  
San Diego, CA 92123

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: HOPWA – Stepping Stone of San Diego – Supportive Services

Project Location: 3928 Illinois Street, San Diego, CA 92104

Project Applicant: County of San Diego HHSA/HCDS  
3989 Ruffin Road, MS-0231, San Diego, CA 92123-1152

Project Description: The proposed project involves funding for Stepping Stone of San Diego to provide alcohol and drug treatment and a transitional housing facility for low-income individuals who are medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Kelly Salmons Telephone: 858-694-4806

Date Form Completed: June 10, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on March 11, 2025 (#8) (Meeting Date /Item #) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

**Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)**

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- Statutory Exemption, C Section:
- Categorical Exemption, G Section: 15304
- G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- G 15060(c)(3) - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15060(c)(2) – The activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.
- G 15061(b)(1) - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

**Statement of reasons why project is exempt:** The project qualifies for a CEQA Categorical Exemption under Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The project involves supportive services only; therefore it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (858) 694-8450

Name (Print): David Estrella Title: Director

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.