NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Mail Stop: A-33
ARCC-Recorder
Attn: Karina Ortiz
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

☒ State Clearinghouse

FROM: Mail Stop: 0-368
County of San Diego,
General Services
Attn: Marcus Lubich
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410
San Diego, CA 92123

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

Project Name: Lease Amendment between County of San Diego and Wilson HCF Wisconsin 8 REPO for the Public Defender Central Branch – 451 A Street

Project Location: 451 A Street, San Diego 92101 (APN: 533-435-01-00)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego General Services, 5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: Lease amendment for use and improvement of approximately 14,473 square feet of office space to include Suites 400, 425, 720, 740 and 750, temporary use of approximately 5,605 square feet of space located on the 7th floor at Suites 720 and 740 on an "as-needed" basis, and use of 143 non-exclusive use parking spaces within the existing Twenty by Six Building. The lease amendment also includes leasehold improvement allowance for refurbishment of existing space leased by the County within the existing Twenty by Six building. The lease amendment will also extend the term of the lease to March 1, 2034, and provides the option to extend the lease term for two additional five-year periods.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: October 29, 2025

County Contact Person: Marcus Lubich

Telephone: (858) 414-4593

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on December 9, 2025 (18), and found the project to be exempt from the 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(s): 15301 Existing Facilities
☐ G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
☐ 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 Lease Amendment is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, Existing Facilities, as it involves the approval of a lease amendment for use and improvement of additional office space and parking within an existing building, extending the term of an existing lease for use of an existing building that does not expand the current use of the building. The lease amendment would allow for the provision of the same services and use as currently provided. Further, no exceptions in CEQA Section 15300 apply to this project. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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

Signature: Marcus Lubich Telephone: (858) 414-4593

Name (Print): Marcus Lubich Title: Environmental Project Manager

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 twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.