

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Mateo

From: (Public Agency): Judicial Council of California
2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Ste 400
Sacramento, CA 95833

(Address)

Project Title: Northern Branch Courthouse Solar 2026.01 Project

Project Applicant: Judicial Council of California

Project Location - Specific:

1050 Mission Road, South San Francisco CA 94080

Project Location - City: South San Francisco Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will install Solar Photovoltaic System(s) (PV), mounted carport structures, and install a line side tap in the main service panel. The project will also remove trees from the parking lot, which will begin to have branch failure and are no longer suitable for preservation. The installation of Solar PVs will generate electric power from sunlight to support the Northern Branch Courthouse and its occupants, which will minimize electricity draws from the Statewide power grid.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Judicial Council of California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Judicial Council 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. State type and section number: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC 21080.35

Reasons why project is exempt:

California Resources Code Section 21080.35 was modified in 2011 pursuant to SB 226 to provide statutory exemption from the requirements of CEQA for the installation of solar energy systems associated with the parking lot. This project will install solar energy systems to meet the criteria of PRC 21080.35

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alexandra Cervantes Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-643-6924

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ■ Yes No

Signature: Alexandra Cervantes Digitally signed by Alexandra Cervantes
Date: 2026.01.26 10:17:13 -08'00' Date: 1/23/2026 Title: Senior Facilities Analyst

■ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____