

# \*ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION

(CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 711.4)

## LEAD AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS

City of Berkeley  
Land Use Planning Division  
1947 Center Street, 2nd Floor  
Berkeley, CA 94704

## FOR COUNTY CLERK USE ONLY

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ALAMEDA COUNTY

APR 06 2026

MELISSA WILK, County Clerk  
By *[Signature]* Deputy

FILE NO. 26-102

## CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:

(PLEASE MARK ONLY ONE CLASSIFICATION)

### 1. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION / STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION

A - STATUTORILY OR CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT

\$ 50.00 - COUNTY CLERK HANDLING FEE

### 2. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (NOD)

A - NEGATIVE DECLARATION (OR MITIGATED NEG. DEC.)

\$ 3,043.75 - STATE FILING FEE

\$ 50.00 - COUNTY CLERK HANDLING FEE

B - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

\$ 4,227.50 - STATE FILING FEE

\$ 50.00 - COUNTY CLERK HANDLING FEE

### 3. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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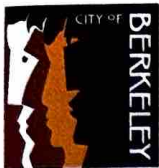
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FEES ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

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# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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## Notice of Exemption

TO:  Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County of Alameda County Clerk

FROM: City of Berkeley  
Planning and Development Department  
1947 Center Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Berkeley, CA 94704

**Project Title:** 2276 Shattuck Avenue (ZP2024-0067)

**Project Location:** 2276 Shattuck Avenue, City of Berkeley, County of Alameda

**Project Description:** Use Permit #ZP2024-0067 to construct a 15-story addition to Morse Block, a three-story, commercial City of Berkeley Landmark building, while preserving the east façade. The proposed building would result in an 18-story (205'-9"-foot-tall) approximately 138,842 square-foot mixed-use building containing 134 dwelling units including 11 VLI units, 11 MI units, as well as a 4750 square-foot ground floor commercial space and 105 Bike parking spaces.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Berkeley

**Project Sponsor:** Rhoades Planning Group, 2140 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 705 Berkeley, CA 94704

**Exempt Status: (Check one)**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (15332) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3);                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption ( )                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15269(a)) Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                                   |

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project meets all of the requirements of the Infill Development Project exemption (Section 15332). The project is consistent with the applicable General Plan designation and policies, and with the applicable zoning designation and regulations. The project occurs within the Berkeley City limits on a project site of no more than five acres and is surrounded by urban uses. The parcels within the project site have previously been developed and have no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. The project will not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality. City Standard Conditions will address potential impacts related to traffic, noise, air quality, and water quality. The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. Furthermore, none of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply, as follows: (a) the site is not located in an environmentally sensitive area, (b) there are no cumulative impacts, (c) there are no significant effects, (d) the project is not located near a scenic highway, (e) the project site is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, and (f) the project will not affect any historical resource.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Nilu Karimzadegan, Senior Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (510) 981.7430

**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:  Date: 04/03/26

Title: Senior Planner

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print

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AC RECEIPT #: 3960569

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 01 — 04/06/2026 — 102  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF BERKELEY LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/06/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING ALAMEDA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 26 - 102	

PROJECT TITLE  
 2276 SHATTUCK AVENUE (ZP2024-0067)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME NILU KARIMZADEGAN	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (510) 981-7430
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1947 CENTER STREET, 2ND FLOOR	CITY BERKELEY	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94704

PROJECT-APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- |   |            |    |      |
|---|------------|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,227.50 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$3,043.75 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,437.25 | \$ | 0.00 |


- Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|---|----------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ |       |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE C. WU, DEPUTY CLERK
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