

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit
Attn: Anissa Busch
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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, Inc. Housing Operations

Project Location: Enya House: 106 Robinson Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103
Alice's Front House: 4152 35th Street, San Diego, CA 92103
Stepping Stone Office: 3767 Central Ave, San Diego, CA 92105
Stepping Out Outpatient Treatment: 3928 Illinois Street, San Diego, CA 92104

Project Applicant: County of San Diego
Department of Housing and Community Development
3989 Ruffin Road, MS-0231, San Diego, California 92123

Project Description: The project involves funding for Stepping Stone of San Diego, Inc., for housing operations of a transitional housing program and related supportive services for low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families at four San Diego locations: the Enya House, Alice's Front House, Stepping Stone Office, Stepping Out Outpatient Treatment.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

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

Date Form Completed: May 12, 2026

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on March 24th, 2026 (Item #24) 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)

- Categorical Exemption:** Sec. G 15301 - Existing Facilities
- Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
- Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
- General:** Sec. C.
- Ministerial:** Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
- Preliminary Review:** Sec. G
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from CEQA review the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." The project consists of funding for housing operations of a transitional housing program and related supportive services for individuals and their families placed in existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use, therefore, the project is exempt from 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.