

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Riverside

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

(Address)

Project Title: Southwest Justice Center Tree Removal and Replacement

Project Applicant: Judicial Council of California

Project Location - Specific:

30755-D Auld Road, Murrieta CA 92563

Project Location - City: Murrieta

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Remove and stump grind (2) California Sycamore trees (protected species) and (1) Banana tree and prune/trim (21) Sycamore trees, (38) Golden Medallion, and (5) Crape Myrtle trees. The Sycamore and Banana trees to be replaced have developed a fungus and are leaning, creating a safety hazard. Tree trimming activities require the use of a lift.

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: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

In its current state, the Southwest Justice Center site poses a risk to public health, safety, and welfare. The rotten trees are hazardous to human health and are at risk of falling. Replacing constitutes a necessary action to mitigate an emergency and prevent further risk of harm to public health and safety.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Janell Ramirez

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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: Janell Ramirez Digitally signed by Janell Ramirez
Date: 2026.08.17 12:53:07 -07'00' Date: 7/30/25 Title: Senior 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: _____