

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Judicial Council of California
2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Ste 400

County Clerk

County of: Imperial

(Address)

Project Title: Imperial County Courthouse Elevator Upgrade

Project Applicant: Judicial Council of California

Project Location - Specific:

939 Main Street, El Centro CA 92243

Project Location - City: El Centro

Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Modernization of one (1) existing hydraulic passenger elevator at the El Centro Courthouse. Work includes replacement of hydraulic elevator equipment within the existing hoistway and machine room, including the hydraulic power unit, cylinder, jack assembly, valves, controls, and associated mechanical and electrical systems. The existing elevator cab will be retained; interior cab components and finishes will be assessed and replaced as needed. Mechanical and electrical systems within the machine room will be upgraded to accommodate new elevator equipment. No changes to the building footprint, structure, or hoistway dimensions are proposed.

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: Class I, CCR 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of the operation, maintenance, repair, permitting, leasing, 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.

Lead Agency

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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: 2026.09.01 13:35:18 -07'00' Date: 8/26/26 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: _____