
Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California State University, Northridge
18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge CA 91330-8219

County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Title: Bayramian Hall 5th Floor University Counseling Services Renovation

Project Applicant: California State University, Northridge (CSUN)

Project Location - Specific: CSUN Bayramian Hall building, south-east corner of Etiwanda Ave and Vincennes St, California State University, Northridge campus.

Project Location City: Northridge

Project Location County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

The proposed project will expand the UCS suite on the 5th floor of Bayramian Hall. Following the completion of the Matador Success and Inclusion Center (MSIC) in summer 2027, the Matador Achievement Center (MAC), which currently occupies the 5th floor of Bayramian Hall, will relocate to MSIC. UCS will then renovate the former MAC space to create eight new counseling offices, a reception area, a sensory room, and a training space with storage. This expansion will allow UCS to be fully staffed on campus and better meet student counseling needs.

This project is an interior tenant improvement project that will renovate portions of Bayramian Hall to support the expansion of UCS. The scope includes renovation of the former MAC space on the 5th floor, expanding the existing 7,200-square-foot UCS suite by approximately 2,070 square feet and increasing counseling offices from 22 to 34 offices. The project also includes conversion of approximately 570 square feet on the first floor to create a gender-inclusive, multi-stall restroom and lactation room, along with minor accessibility upgrades to the 5th floor restrooms, safety upgrades to the UCS reception service window and suite, upgrades to the existing group counseling and observation rooms, provision of a new conference room with audio-visual equipment, and renovation of the existing UCS suite's storage room and open office space.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Trustees of The California State University

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California State University, Northridge

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Exempt Status (check one):

	Ministerial
	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
X	Categorical Exemption. CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 - Existing Facilities), subsections (a) and (d).
	Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons Why the Project is Exempt:

This project qualifies for a CEQA exemption because it consists of interior renovations and tenant improvements within an existing university building. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities.

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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: 

Date: 10/13/2026

Title: senior campus planner

X Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Public Resources Code Section 21083 and 21101.

References: Public Resources Code Section 21108, 21152, and 21152.1 June 8, 2026