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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles

From: (Public Agency): Judicial Council of California
2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Ste 400
Sacramento, CA 95833
(Address)

Project Title: Chatsworth Courthouse Buildout Project

Project Applicant: Judicial Council of California

Project Location - Specific:

Chatsworth Courthouse, 9425 Penfield Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311

Project Location - City: Chatsworth Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will build out the shelled third floor courtroom area of the Chatsworth Courthouse to include six courtrooms and chambers, support spaces, and modernize the holding area. The Chatsworth Courthouse was built in 2002 and is 302,436 square feet. The unfinished areas of the third floor were constructed when the courthouse was built but were not utilized. The Project supports the transition of services currently provided at a leased facility located at 312 North Spring Street in Los Angeles. The leased facility will be closed upon lease expiration.

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 1, CCR §15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project consists of minor alterations to existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed work is limited to interior alterations within an existing courthouse and includes activities such as construction of interior partitions and modifications to plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and related building systems. The Project will occur entirely within an existing structure and will not expand the building footprint or result in a substantial increase in capacity beyond the continuation of existing court services.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Hilda Iorga Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-263-1541

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: lorga, Hilda Digitally signed by Iorga, Hilda Date: 2026.10.28 10:38:19 -07'00' Date: 10/28/2026 Title: Facilities Supervisor

▪ 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: