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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 Dr., Ste. 400
Sacramento, CA 95833
(Address)

Project Title: Torrance Courthouse Child Waiting Area Project

Project Applicant: Judicial Council of California

Project Location - Specific:
825 Maple Ave., Torrance, CA 90503

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Renovation of an existing self-help room within the Torrance Courthouse (825 Maple Avenue, Torrance, CA 90503) to create a new child waiting area of approximately 1,330 SF. Work includes reconfiguration of interior finishes and associated architectural improvements, along with supporting electrical, mechanical, fire protection, and low-voltage systems as required to accommodate the new use. New spaces include an activity area, nap room, restroom, break area, and office, with new plumbing fixtures, lighting, power, and associated mechanical work.

Work is confined to the interior of the existing building; no changes to the building footprint, structure, or exterior are proposed, and no impacts to trees, vegetation, traffic, or on site water features are anticipated

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 § 15301 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project has been determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities. CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 applies to projects that consist of minor alterations/ modifications to an existing public/private structure with no expansion of the existing use, for which the State has determined to be a project class that will not have a significant effect on the environment. The project involves minor alteration/modifications to the interior of a public/ quasi public structure with no expansion of the existing building footprint and therefore meets the criteria for the aforementioned categorical exemption. Additionally, none of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 which would preclude a project from using a categorical exemption are are applicable.

Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Section 15061(b)(2) since the project meets the criteria for use of the Existing Facilities categorical exemption and the application of that exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Rudy Luquin Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 402-7965

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: 10/29/26 Title: 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: