NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Mail Stop: 0-368 County of San Diego, Department of General Services Attn: Marcus Lubich 5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410 San Diego, CA 92123

Date Form Completed: April 20, 2023

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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Approval of New Lease for Public Defender – 124 W. Main Street, El Cajon

Project Location: 124 W. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020 (APN 487-192-55)

- Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of General Services 5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123
- Project Description: The project will consist of a new lease agreement in an existing building at 124 W. Main Street in El Cajon for approximately 10,486 square feet. Premises include the first-floor lobby and the entire second floor. Tenant improvements will be constructed by landlord.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Bianca Lee-Cristaldi

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on <u>May 23</u>, <u>2023 (Item #)</u> and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]

Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]

Statutory Exemption. C Section(s):

Categorical Exemption. G Sections: 15301 Existing Facilities

G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan

Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.

 \Box G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

This lease agreement is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, Existing Facilities as it consists of leasing an existing facility for office space that involves no expansion of the existing or former office use. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; and is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:

_____ Telephone: <u>858-414-4593</u>

Name (Print): <u>Marcus Lubich</u> Title: <u>Project Manager</u>

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible <u>after</u> project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.