

# 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

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

Project Name: Approval of Second Amendment to Lease with the San Diego Regional Building Authority and ~~First~~ Second Amendment to Sublease with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Board for the James R. Mills Building

Project Location: 1255 Imperial Avenue, San Diego 92101; APN: 538-010-35-00

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 second lease amendment with the San Diego Regional Building Authority and a second sublease amendment with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Board (MTB) to allow MTB to occupy the entire 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the James R. Mills Building to accommodate future space needs. The leases terminate November 1, 2086.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego Date Form Completed: ~~October 31~~ November 30, 2023

County Contact Person: Marcus Lubich

Telephone: (858) 414-4593

This is to advise that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on December 5, 2023 (#) 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.  
 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 and sublease amendments are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, Existing Facilities as it involves amending an existing lease and sublease for use of an existing facility for office space that involves no expansion of the existing or former use of the James R. Mills Building. 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: Marcus Lubich Telephone: 858-414-4593

Name (Print): Marcus Lubich Title: Project Manager

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 after 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.