



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In compliance with section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and the County of Orange Procedures, notification is hereby given to responsible agencies, trustee agencies, interest groups and the general public, that the County of Orange **shall adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) File Number PP-24-0119.**

PUBLIC REVIEW:

The proposed MND is being circulated for public review for 30 days, from June 2, 2025, to July 2, 2025. The MND may be adopted by the County of Orange and become **final unless written comments on its appropriateness or adequacy are received by the office listed below by 4:30 p.m.** on the ending date of the public review period (**July 2, 2025**).

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PUBLIC MEETING(S)/HEARINGS ON PROJECT:

The proposed project will be reviewed for approval by the decision-maker listed below.

DECISION MAKING BODY: Board of Supervisors

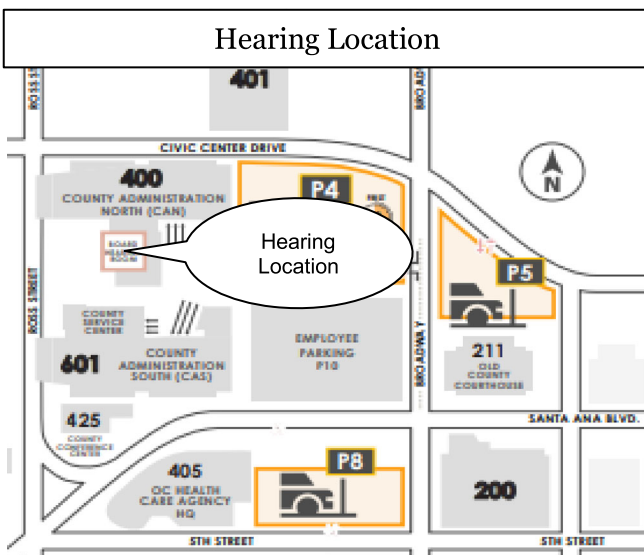
DATE: August 12, 2025

TIME: 9:30 AM or soon thereafter

LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING/HEARING: County Administration North, Board Hearing Room, First Floor, 400 W Civic Center Dr, Santa Ana. Pictured Below.

The MND and any supporting attachments are available for review during normal business hours at the offices of the OC Public Works, OC Development Services/Planning, 601 North Ross Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701 and also available at the following website:

<https://ocds.ocpublicworks.com/service-areas/oc-development-services/planning-development/current-projects/2nd-district/County-of-Orange-Workforce-Reentry-Center-Project>



DATE POSTED: June 2, 2025



**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
OC PUBLIC WORKS
601 NORTH ROSS STREET
P. O. BOX 4048
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701**

In accordance with Orange County Board of Supervisors' policies regarding implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, the County of Orange has conducted an Initial Study to determine whether the following project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. On the basis of that study, the County of Orange hereby finds that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report because either the proposed project:

- ☐ **has** or **creates no** significant environmental impacts requiring mitigation; or
- ☒ **will not create** a significant adverse effect, because the Mitigation Measures described in the Initial Study have been added to the project.

The environmental documents, which constitute the Initial Study and supporting technical studies provide the basis and reasons for this determination are available on the website and hereby made a part of this document.

PROJECT:

Title: Orange County Workforce Reentry Center Project

File No: PP-24-0119

Location: 561 The City Drive South, Orange, CA, 92868

Description: The County of Orange (County) proposes to develop a Workforce Reentry Center (proposed project) on an approximately 4.6-acre property located at 561 The City Drive South in the City of Orange (City), California (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 231-091-02, 231-091-03, 231-091-07, 231-091-09, and 231-271-02). The proposed project would provide transitional housing and vocational training for adult individuals involved in the criminal justice system or other County systems of care to facilitate their transition into the workforce. The proposed project would develop the project site with three buildings: a 37,200 square foot office/vocational building, a 16,166 square foot retail/culinary building, and a 26,998 square foot supportive housing and services building. Ancillary site improvements would include utility infrastructure connections/relocations, landscaping, and hardscaping, including surface parking and a new internal circulation roadway. Minor off-site improvements are proposed for The City Drive South and West Metropolitan Drive to improve vehicular access to the project site, including traffic signal modifications, restriping, and median modifications. Construction activities under the proposed project would include excavation to a depth of up to 16 feet below ground surface.

Project Proponent or Applicant: County of Orange

Division/Department Responsible for Proposed Project: County Executive Office/Real Estate/Land Development

Address: 400 W. Civic Center Drive, 5th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Contact Person – Project: Ryan Rigali, Real Estate Manager

Telephone: (714) 834-3763

Contact Person – CEQA: Virginia Gomez, Senior Planner

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NOTICE: The Mitigated Negative Declaration shall become final unless written comments are received by the office listed above by **4:30 p.m. on July 2, 2025**. If you wish to provide comments on the appropriateness or adequacy of this document, address your written comments to our finding that the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment: (1) identify the environmental effect(s), why they would occur, and why they would be significant, and (2) suggest any mitigation measures which you believe would eliminate or reduce the effect to an acceptable level. Regarding item (1) above, explain the basis for your comments and submit any supporting data or references.

Dated: 5/29/2025 | 2:53 PM PDT

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NOTE: This document and supporting attachments are provided to the general public for review. This is an information document about environmental effects only. Supplemental information is on file and may be reviewed in the office listed above. The decision-making body will review this document and potentially many other sources of information before considering the proposed project.