

**APPROVAL OF THE  
CAPITOL ANNEX PROJECT**

As Deputy Director of the Department of General Services (Department), the lead agency for the Capitol Annex Project (project), I hereby make the following findings on this Project:

The Department is approving a portion of the project. Although the project evaluated in the Revised Environmental Impact Report (REIR) involves three primary components: (1) reconstruction of the existing Annex, (2) construction of a new underground parking garage under the 12th Street walkway to the east of the Annex, and (3) construction of a new underground visitor/welcome center on the west side of the Historic Capitol, DGS is currently only approving component (1), reconstruction of the existing Annex. *Please note that component (2) was previously approved as part of the 2021 EIR.* The project being approved here includes the construction of a new approximately 525,000-square-foot Annex. The project would address numerous deficiencies in the former building, including life safety/building code deficiencies, noncompliance with Americans with Disabilities Act standards, overcrowding, aging and failing infrastructure, and insufficient public and working space.


The Department has certified that the Final REIR for the project (State Clearinghouse Number 2019049066) has been completed in compliance with Section 21080 et al. of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Department has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final REIR for the Project.

After consideration of the project objectives, alternatives, environmental analysis in the Final REIR, and comments submitted, the Director has determined to approve the proposed project component (1) described above.

The Department has reviewed the Findings and the Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project. The Findings and the Statement of Overriding Considerations (attached) are hereby approved and adopted by the Department.

In accordance with Section 21081.6 of CEQA, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project (attached) is hereby approved and adopted.

Upon consideration of the Final REIR, the Findings of Fact, the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and in accordance with Section 15092 of the CEQA Guidelines, I hereby approve project component (1) described above. The Department hereby commits to carrying out the mitigation measures set forth in the Findings and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The Notice of Determination (attached) has been prepared in accordance with Section 15094 of the CEQA Guidelines. The Department staff is directed to arrange for the filing of the Notice of Determination.



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