CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER EXPANSION WITH EYE CENTER, UC DAVIS HEALTH CAMPUS

ADDENDUM TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS HEALTH 2010 LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER EXPANSION WITH EYE CENTER PROJECT DATED SEPTEMBER 2019

The Board of Regents of the University of California (“University”), as the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), prepared an Addendum (“Addendum October 2019”) to the Final Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) for the University of California, Davis Health (“UCD Health”) 2010 Long Range Development Plan (“2010 LRDP”) (State Clearinghouse No. 2009112060) for the Ambulatory Care Center Expansion with Eye Center Project (“project”) to document that no subsequent or supplemental EIR to the 2010 LRDP EIR is necessary to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project pursuant to CEQA. The 2010 LRDP EIR was certified by the University in November 2010.

Pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), the Board of Regents of the University of California (the University) has considered the FEIR for the UC Davis Sacramento campus LRDP FEIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2009112060, November 2010) and the addendum for the proposed addition of the Eye Center to the existing ACC.

The LRDP FEIR and the addendum contain the environmental analysis and information necessary to support approval of the project, and it reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the University.

These Findings are hereby adopted by the University as required by Public Resources Code Sections 21081, 21081.5, 21081.6, and 21166, and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15091, 15092, 15162, 15164, and 15168 in conjunction with the approval of the project.

I. FINDINGS

Having received, reviewed, and considered the 2010 LRDP EIR, the 2010 LRDP Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Addendum for the ACC Expansion with Eye Center Project, and other information in the administrative record, the University hereby adopts the following Findings for the project in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA. The University adopts these Findings in conjunction with its approval of the design of the project, as set forth in Section II, below.
II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project includes an addition of an approximately 58,000 gross square feet (gsf) Eye Center to the existing Lawrence J. Ellison Ambulatory Care Center (ACC), approximately 17,500 gsf of renovation inside the ACC, demolition of the physical therapy center at the ACC, and roadway modifications, landscaping, and streetscape features along Y Street between 48th Street and 49th Street to accommodate the addition of the Eye Center at the UC Davis Sacramento campus. The project includes an amendment to the 2010 LRDP land use designations of approximately 15,000 gsf from Major Open Space to Ambulatory Care to accommodate the addition of the Eye Center. The ambulatory care land use designation would increase by 15,000 sf and the major open space designation would decrease by the same square footage.

III. ADEQUACY OF PRIOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

All of the environmental effects of implementation of the LRDP, as reflected in the Findings adopted by the University (LRDP in November 2010), were adequately addressed in the certified LRDP FEIR in that those impacts: (1) have been mitigated or avoided; (2) have been examined at a sufficient level of detail to enable those effects to be mitigated or avoided by site-specific revisions, the imposition of conditions, or by other means in connection with the approval of the LRDP; or (3) cannot be mitigated to avoid or substantially lessen the significant impacts despite the University’s willingness to accept all feasible mitigation measures, and the only purpose of including analysis of such effects in another environmental impact report would be to put the agency in a position to adopt a statement of overriding considerations with respect to the impacts.

These Findings summarize, rely upon, and incorporate the LRDP FEIR Findings to address cumulative impacts, consistent with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15130(d).

The project is within the scope of impacts identified in the LRDP FEIR and does not implicate any of the conditions set forth in CEQA Section 21166 or State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, requiring the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR to the LRDP FEIR. With the implementation of relevant certified 2010 LRDP EIR mitigation measures, the project will not result in any new significant environmental impacts, will not increase the severity of significant impacts previously identified in the 2010 LRDP EIR, and will not cause any environmental effects not previously examined in the 2010 LRDP EIR. There have not been any substantial changes in the project or in the circumstances under which the project will be implemented that would require revisions to the existing 2010 LRDP EIR. All significant impacts to which the project will contribute have been addressed in the 2010 LRDP EIR and the 2010 LRDP Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted by the University in connection with its approval of the 2010 LRDP. No new significant environmental impacts have been identified in connection with the project that were not considered in the 2010 LRDP FEIR. The project does not otherwise provide an opportunity to eliminate or substantially reduce any of the significant and unavoidable impacts of implementing the 2010 LRDP.
For the reasons described above, the University hereby finds that preparation of this Addendum to the LRDP FEIR to analyze the environmental consequences of implementing the project is appropriate under CEQA. In accordance with CEQA, the University hereby finds that none of the circumstances described in Section 15162(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines are present, and no further environmental review or documentation is required for the project.

IV. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

These Findings incorporate by reference in their entirety the text of the 2010 LRDP FEIR prepared for the project and the Findings adopted in support of the LRDP previously adopted by the University. Without limitation, this incorporation is intended to elaborate on the scope and nature of the project, its potential environmental impacts, and the basis for determining the significance of the project’s impacts.

V. MITIGATION MONITORING

CEQA requires the Lead Agency approving a project to adopt a monitoring program for changes to the project that it adopts or makes a condition of project approval, including mitigation measures intended to eliminate or reduce potentially significant impacts of the project, in order to ensure compliance during project implementation. No new mitigation measures are required as part of the project, which incorporates relevant and previously adopted 2010 LRDP EIR mitigation measures and/or continuing best practices that will be monitored pursuant to the existing 2010 LRDP EIR Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) previously adopted by the University in connection with its approvals of the 2010 LRDP. No new project-specific mitigation measures are required as part of the project.

VI. RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Various documents and other materials constitute the record of proceedings upon which the University bases its findings and decision contained herein. These documents and materials are located in UC Davis Health, Office of FD&C, 4800 Second Avenue, Suite 3010, Sacramento, CA, 95817.

VII. SUMMARY

Based on the foregoing Findings and the information contained in the record of proceedings, the University has made one or more of the following Findings with respect to the significant environmental impacts of the project:

1) The project will not increase the severity of significant environmental impacts previously identified in the LRDP FEIR.

2) All 2010 LRDP EIR mitigation measures relevant to the project, as identified in the Addendum, are made a condition of approval of the project’s approval.

3) All potentially significant effects on the environment due to the implementation of the project have
been eliminated or substantially lessened where feasible through 2010 LRDP FEIR mitigation measures identified in the Addendum and adopted in connection with the Regents’ approval of the 2010 LRDP. No project-specific mitigation measures are required.

4) The project will not result in environmental effects that were not adequately examined in the University’s 2010 LRDP FEIR.

5) All remaining significant impacts on the environment caused by implementation of the LRDP found to be unavoidable, remain acceptable due to the reasons set forth in the LRDP FEIR Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted by the University in connection with its approval of the 2010 LRDP, as referenced and reaffirmed herein.