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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIR

Project Title: UC Merced Medical Education Building Project

**Project Location:** University of California, Merced Campus, 5200 North Lake Road, Merced, California 95343. The Project site is located in the southeast portion of the UC Merced campus, east-southeast of the Academic Quad, in an area known on the campus as Cottonwood Meadow.

**Project Description:** The proposed Project consists of two components: 1) development of the proposed Medical Education Building, including a site access road and a small surface parking lot, and 2) installation of electrical infrastructure and the construction of a new storm water detention basin in the southern portion of the campus. The proposed Medical Education building would be an approximately 190,000 outside gross square foot, four-story building, consisting of two wings that would wrap around a central courtyard. The new storm water basin would be about 8 acres in surface area and about 6 feet deep on average.

**Public Review Period:** August 26, 2022 through October 10, 2022 Written comments on the Draft EIR should be submitted via regular mail or by email at the addresses below no later than 5:00 PM on October 10, 2022.

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Addresses where a copy of the Draft EIR and Other Relevant Documents are available: Hard copies of the Medical Education Building Project Draft EIR, the 2020 LRDP SEIR, and the 2009 UC Merced/University Community Project EIS/EIR are available at the addresses listed below:

UC Merced Kolligian Library, 5200 North Lake Road, Merced, CA 95343 UC Merced Downtown Center, 655 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95340

The Draft EIR is available for viewing or downloading on UC Merced's Physical & Environmental Planning website at <a href="https://planning.ucmerced.edu/cega-environmental-documents">https://planning.ucmerced.edu/cega-environmental-documents</a>. UC Merced 2020 LRDP SEIR and the 2009 UC Merced/University Community Project EIS/EIR are also available at the same website.

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**Public Comment Meeting:** A meeting has been scheduled to provide information about the project and an opportunity for agencies and members of the public to provide oral comments on the Draft EIR in person.

Date: September 19, 2022 Time: 4:00 to 6:00 PM Location: UC Merced Downtown Center, 655 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95340

For members of the public unable to attend in person due to COVID-19 concerns, the meeting will also be held online via Zoom on the same day from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. To attend the Zoom meeting:

1) Go to www.zoom.us select "Join a Meeting," and enter the following:

Meeting ID: 873 9517 5822 Passcode: 916492

2) For those calling in, dial the following:

+1 669 444 9171 Meeting ID: 873 9517 5822

Please note that Spanish and Hmong translators will be available to translate upon request with a 7-day advance notice before the meeting on September 19, 2022.