



CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

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			Total	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>								

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<u>Signed By</u>	<u>Approval Level</u>	<u>Department/Agency-Fund Group</u>	<u>Signed On</u>	<u>Valid</u>
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Real Property Division

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

PROJECT TITLE: Extend Temporary Authorization to General Services Director to Execute
COVID-19 Related Real Estate Transactions

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County's General Services Department is recommending to the Board of Supervisors that the Board extend the temporary delegation of authority to the General Services Director to negotiate and execute various Real Property contractual agreements and leases that are otherwise beyond the scope of the General Services Director's current authority, through March 31, 2022.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemptions [Section 15378]
- Emergency Project [Section 15269]
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378 Project & 15269 Emergency Projects

Reasons to support exemption findings: As set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15378 of the California Code of Regulations provides an exemption from CEQA review for actions taken that are not considered to be a "physical project" for purposes of CEQA. Section 15378 describes activities not considered to be "physical project" for purposes of CEQA. Subsection 15378(b)(5) "Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment".

CEQA Guideline Section 15269 (c) exempts *specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency*. Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by the coronavirus COVID-19 and the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 20-51 ratifying the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency caused by COVID-19. Additionally, the Health Officer of the County of Santa Barbara determined that there is and continues to be an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19, in the County of Santa Barbara, and declared a Local Health Emergency. This required and continues to require specific actions necessary for the General Services Director to negotiate and execute various contractual agreements to continually address the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board's proposed action of extend the temporary delegation of authority to the General Services Director to negotiate and execute various contractual agreements is not a "physical project" that requires environmental review under CEQA. As such, the proposed emergency action by the Board is being done to prevent or mitigate the immediate threat to the County of Santa Barbara. Therefore, the statutory exemptions apply.

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