

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Community Services Department

The project or activity identified below 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.

**APN(s):** N/A

**Case No.:** N/A

**Location:** 310 N. School St., Santa Maria, CA

**Project Title:** FY 2017-18 Action Plan Substantial Amendment for Property Acquisition and Rehabilitation HOME Loan

**Project Description:** The County receives an annual allocation of HOME Investment Partnerships funds (HOME) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be used to expand the supply of affordable housing to low income households. The use of HOME funds must be included in a County annual Action Plan and, if not included, then the Action Plan must be amended to include County HOME-funded projects. Good Samaritan Shelter (Good Sam) is in escrow to purchase a 7-bedroom, single family residence located in the city of Santa Maria with plans to operate the residence as housing for low-income persons. The seller and current owner of the Property is Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS). The County would provide a HOME loan to Good Sam to acquire and rehabilitate the Property, and the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2017-18 Action Plan would include the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Property by Good Sam.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- Other

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15378(b)(4); The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project are not a project as defined by CEQA.

