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TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bret McNulty, Planning and Development Department

The activity identified below is determined to be exempt from the 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: N/A

Case No.: 14GPA-00000-00008

Location: Countywide

Project Title: 2015-2023 Housing Element Update Workshop

Project Description: The purpose of the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update Workshop is for the Board of Supervisors receive and file a Board letter reporting on key issues and proposed programs for inclusion in the draft 2015-2023 Housing Element. After the workshop, staff will complete and submit the draft 2015-2023 Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for preliminary review pursuant to Government Code sections 65580 to 65589.8. Staff will then prepare a revised draft Housing Element and environmental document (CEQA) for decision-maker review and adoption in fall 2014 and winter 2014/2015.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

County of Santa Barbara
Planning and Development Department

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project as Defined by CEQA

CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(5) – The term “project” does not include “Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.”

Exemption Findings: The 2015-2023 Housing Element Update Workshop is not a project as defined by CEQA. The 2015-2023 Housing Element Workshop is an administrative activity, the purpose of which is to provide the Board of Supervisors and public with an early opportunity to provide comments on key issues and proposed programs before staff completes and submits the draft 2015-2023 Housing Element to HCD for review. Receiving and filing a Board letter does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. As a result, the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update Workshop, is not a project and not subject to environmental review.

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