

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Support Services 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.

APN(s): 029-212-011, & 019

Case No. Real Property File No. 003728

LOCATION: The County's Garden Street Parking Lot, located at 1016 Santa Barbara Street, in Santa Barbara.

PROJECT TITLE: Garden Street Parking Lease to the Judicial Council of California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A Lease Agreement with the Judicial Council of California (JCC) for 40 non-dedicated parking spaces at the County-owned Garden Street Parking Lot, located at 1016 Santa Barbara Street, in Santa Barbara, to allow the JCC to continue to provide parking for jurors near the Historic Santa Barbara Courthouse and the Figueroa Courthouse properties, for the benefit of the Santa Barbara Superior Court; for a monthly rent not to exceed \$3,000.00, which will be used to reimburse the County for the monthly cost of replacement parking spaces for County employees in the City of Santa Barbara's Granada Parking Structure.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- X Categorical Exemption (Section 15301)
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sections: 15301, *Existing Facilities*. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project consists of executing a Lease Agreement between the County and the Judicial Council of California (JCC), allowing the JCC to continue leasing parking spaces at the Garden Street Parking Lot, an existing public facility, for the benefit of the Santa Barbara Superior Court, to be used by jurors and prospective jurors. The continued leasing arrangement between the County and the JCC does not pose a risk of significant cumulative impacts resulting from projects of the same type, and the project will have no impacts on any uniquely sensitive habitat. The project involves no expansion of the existing use, and there is no reasonable possibility of a significant effect on the environment; therefore it is exempt from further CEQA review.

Department/Division Representative

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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