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: Santa Barbary County

Project Title: Report on Arts and Economic Development in Santa Barbara County

Project Description: Receive and file a report on arts and economic development in Santa Barbara County. In 2016 and 2017, several major studies were conducted to provide an accurate, up-to-date snapshot of the arts' impact on economic generation, investment and sustainability. The findings for these studies, which have been recently released, provide powerful and persuasive evidence of the enormous and growing fiscal impact of the creative industries, generating local jobs and revenue for our residents as well as local, state and federal government.

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)(5)

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):
This action does not constitute a project under CEQA as the action involves government organizational or administrative activities of governments which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date February 1, 2018
Jill Van Wie

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

Copies to: County Planning & Development
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