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 Barbara/Goleta

Project Title: Library Consultant Selection Update and Funding Approval

Project Description: Library services in the County are provided via the Cities' main libraries and various branch locations as a way to efficiently use existing facilities and prevent the creation of County-operated duplicate establishments. A library consultant will be engaged for the purpose of evaluating the current County library service delivery system and funding model and recommending improvements to the system and/or alternative service delivery methods for the County to consider.

Exempt Status:

- ☐ 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.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):
Funding for a library consultant does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date October 3, 2017
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.

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