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) <u>123-172-007, -008, & -013</u>

Case No. Real Property File No. 003615

LOCATION: 509 West Morison Avenue, Santa Maria, CA 93454

PROJECT TITLE: Second Amendment to Lease Agreement for Probation at CET in Santa Maria.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed action is to renew an existing Lease Agreement to continue use of the existing 2041 square feet of leased space for an extended period of approximately one (1) year, to provide for the continued operation of the County Probation Department's Probation Report and Resource Center in Santa Maria.

EXEMPT	STATUS: (Check One)
100	Ministerial
	Statutory
_X	Categorical Exemption [Section 15301]
	Emergency Project
	No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301 Existing Facilities

Reasons to support exemption findings: The proposed action is to extend an existing lease agreement for the continued use of leased space for the County's Probation Report and Resource Center, which involves no alterations or significant physical changes to the structure, and therefore, has no potential effect on the environment. As defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, Section 15301 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. All of the activities contemplated in the Second Amendment are consistent with the current activities, involving no expansion of the existing use. Therefore, the categorical exemption stated above is applicable for the proposed action and satisfies the requirements of CEQA.

Department/Division Representative Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning and Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines, and a copy 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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