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: 624 East Camino Collegio, Santa Maria and 301 N. Depot St., Santa Maria

Project Title: Funding Reservations for Sierra Madre Cottages and The Residences at Depot Street

Project Description: A funding reservation is a set-aside of County funds for a specific project for a specific time period in order to allow applicants to continue efforts to secure the additional funding needed, including an allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to demonstrate financial feasibility. The funding reservations are for two projects; the Sierra Madre Cottages project consists of 40 affordable housing units, of which 39 will be for low-income seniors and one manager's unit and will be developed by Peoples' Self-Help Housing Corporation. The Residences at Depot Street project will consist of 80 affordable housing units, of which 78 will be for low-income formerly homeless and special needs households and two managers units, and will be developed by the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara.

Exempt Status:

☒ Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(4)

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

Approval of commitment of grant funding for these projects do not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When the projects proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA by the subrecipients for the possible impacts which are unique to the project.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date: February 7, 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: Community Services Department, Parks Division
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