

Attachment F

CEQA Notice of Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department and Behavioral Wellness

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): 037-192-001

LOCATION: 315 W. Haley Street, Santa Barbara, California

PROJECT TITLE: Acquisition of an administrative office building to expand Behavioral Health

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed action is seeking Board approval to adopt a resolution to approve and authorize the negotiation and acquisition of the Property by County from Pathpoint (Owner), a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation, to expand the behavioral health treatment capacity and continuum of treatment and service resources in settings that serve children and youth age 25 and younger, including pregnant/postpartum women and their children, transition-age youth (ages 18-25) and their families.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

Ministerial

Statutory

X Categorical Exemption [Section 15061(b)(3), 15378(b)(4), 15378(b)(5)]

Emergency Project

No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15061(b)(3) Review for Exemption, 15378 (b)(4) Project, 15378(b)(5) Project

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

The proposed action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to 15061(b)(3) in which the activity is covered by the common-sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the purchase of this building will have a significant

effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

The proposed action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to 15378(b)4 in that the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, in this case, acceptance of grant funds, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment are therefore not a project and not subject to CEQA.

The proposed action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to 15378(b)5 in that organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment are therefore not a project and not subject to CEQA.

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NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & 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.

Distribution: Board of Supervisors

Date filed with Clerk of Board

Department/Division Representative

Date