

# Attachment C: CEQA Notice of Exemption



# 2023 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Contact Person		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
  - 2023 Filing Fee .....\$3,839.25
  - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

- Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration .....
  - 2023 Filing Fee .....\$2,764.00
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  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

- Notice of Exemption ..... \$0.00

- County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**) ..... \$50.00

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**CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Santa Barbara County

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:** 128-085-044

**Location:** 2131 Southside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA

**Project Title:** DignityMoves LLC Hope Village

**Applicant:** Santa Barbara County

**Project Description:**

Lease County of Santa Barbara owned lot, located at 2131 Southside Parkway in Santa Maria, to DignityMoves Hope Village LLC for placement and installation of up to 94 temporary residential pallet shelter units (“Units”), restrooms, ancillary dining, laundry and storage facilities, and office and administration facilities thereon to be used for emergency shelter beds and programming at the site. The ground lease will provide a term of five (5) years with options for two (2) additional successive extensions of six (6) months each. Installation of temporary units will also require electrical connections to the pallet shelters and related trenching for support utilities.

The Units will be temporarily used onsite to provide additional shelter capacity. Each Unit can accommodate two adults, though some may only be used to shelter one person depending on needs of the individuals. In addition, 30 Units are reserved for recuperative care for individuals exiting the hospital system in need of care. Ten of the 30 recuperative Units will have restrooms. The single-room Units are each 64 square feet in area and include a bed and desk inside. Bathroom, shower and laundry facilities will connect to City sewer and water through sewer lateral and water main connections. Provided meals will be served in two 135 square-foot dining commons for all persons sheltered in the Units. Additional accessory structures are detailed in the chart below.

Room Type	Quantity	Square Footage
Single Rooms	52	64
Couples	12	78
ADA singles	20	78
ADA Ensuite	10	161
Storage Containers	2	152
Restroom	10	44
Laundry	1	44
Office	4	65
Dining	2	270
IT	1	64
Clinic	1	131
Storage/Aux	2	64

Services provided on site will include housing navigation and supportive services, public health nurse visits, meals, and overnight shelter. The project will be operated 7 days per week, 24 hours per day. The project site is served by the Santa Maria Regional Transit bus service.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

Ministerial  
 Statutory Exemption (Cal. Gov. Code, § 8698.4, subd. (a)(4);  
CEQA Guidelines Section 15269, subd. (c))

Categorical Exemption ()  
 Emergency Project  
 Declared Emergency

**CEQA Guideline Section 15269 and Government Code Section 8698.4, subd. (a)(4)**

**Cal. Gov. Code 8698.4, subd. (a)(4).** CEQA does not apply to actions taken by a county to lease, convey, or encumber land owned by a county or to facilitate the lease, conveyance, or encumbrance of land owned by the local government for, or to provide financial assistance to, a homeless shelter constructed or allowed by this section.

**CEQA Guidelines Section 15269, subd. (c).** Section 15269, subd. (c) provides an exemption from the requirements of CEQA for actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

This project provides for approval of a ground lease agreement with DignityMoves Hope Village LLC and related sitework for a placement of modular units project for emergency housing in response to the shelter crisis declaration, which proclaimed the lack of shelter available for persons experiencing homelessness results in a threat to their public health, safety and welfare. The proposed modular unit project aligns with the Phase II Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness priorities by expanding the existing shelter system and continued identification and implementation of best management practices. Co-location of the units enables program clients to benefit from existing on-site support and housing navigation services, the goal of which is to provide an opportunity to move to permanent housing. This project will prevent or mitigate the emergency created by the shelter crisis.

Department/Division Representative: Ted Teyber

Date: 2/21/2023

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_