

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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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): Not applicable

Case No.: Not applicable

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Senate Bill (SB) 2 Planning Grants Program (PGP) Application

Project Description: The Planning and Development Department (P&D) is seeking PGP funding in the amount of \$307,000 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). If awarded grant funding, P&D will use the funds to cover the full cost of the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) zoning ordinance amendments and the Housing Bill Implementation Project, both of which include zoning ordinance amendments to comply with State mandates from recent housing legislation.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(5) and 15060(c)(3)

Reasons to support exemption findings: CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) states: “an activity is not subject to CEQA if ... the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378.” Additionally, CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) provides that a project does not include “administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.” The approval and submittal of the PGP application and required grant documents to HCD is an administrative government activity that will not result in physical changes to the environment. Thus, this activity is not a project per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) and is not subject to environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3).

Department/Division Representative

Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____