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: Santa Barbara

Project Title: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Sub-recipient Agreement with the Housing Authority of Santa Barbara

Project Description: The County receives HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be used to expand the supply of affordable housing to low income households. The Housing Authority of Santa Barbara's HOME-funded TBRA program from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 will provide monthly rental assistance payments as well as security deposit payments to landlords and utility deposit assistance on behalf of eligible low income households.

Exempt Status:

☒ Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(4); the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment do not constitute a project.

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

Approval of an agreement for pass-through funding for low-income rental assistance does not constitute a project.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date: June 7, 2016

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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, HCD
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