

**ATTACHMENT B: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Holly Bradbury, Project Manager, Planning and Development

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.

**Case Nos.:** 11ORD-00000-00029, 11ORD-00000-00030, 11ORD-00000-00031

**Location:** The proposed ordinance amendments would apply to all the unincorporated areas of the County within the jurisdiction of the County Land and Use Development Code, Montecito Land Use and Development Code, and the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Article II).

**Title:** Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance

**Description:** The project proposes to amend the Santa Barbara County Land Use Development Code (LUDC), Montecito County Land Use Development Code (Montecito LUDC), and the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance to prohibit Medical Marijuana Dispensaries throughout County of Santa Barbara.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect Section 15061(b)(3)

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)-No possibility of significant effect.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) [activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment]. The proposed ordinance has no potential for resulting in a physical change to the environment directly or indirectly as it prohibits Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and would not result in an increase in permitted densities or modifications to resource protection policies. The proposed ordinance amendments would prevent permitting of any new MMD and would minimize potential adverse impacts to the surrounding area and ensure consistency with California Government Code requirements. Therefore, no significant environmental impacts would occur as a result of the ordinance amendments.

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**Acceptance Date:**

**Date Filed by County Clerk:**