

ATTACHMENT B

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Brooke Welch, Housing and Community Development Department, Housing Development & Grants Admin. Division

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.

Location: 5505-5585 Sumida Gardens Lane (formerly Overpass Road), Goleta, CA 93117

Project Title: Sumida Gardens Apartments

Project Description: The County is committing \$630,000 in HOME Program funds for permanent financing of a 200-unit project that has been constructed and is partially occupied. Thirty-four of the units are affordable under the Goleta Redevelopment Agency, and eleven (11) of these units will be further classified as HOME-assisted units available to households at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI).

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15301

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The County is providing HOME Program Funds as permanent financing for the Sumida Gardens Apartments, which have been constructed and are partially occupied. The project is exempt because it involves a commitment for a loan for permanent financing for an existing facility.

Department/Division Representative

Date

Acceptance Date: _____ Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

Note: Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.