

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Support Services Division

Based on a preliminary review of the proposed action, the following activity is determined to be exempt from the 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) 029-161-001

LOCATION: 1120 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA

PROJECT TITLE: Approval of Settlement Agreement and Acceptance of Deed of Gift for Cabrillo Landing Painting.

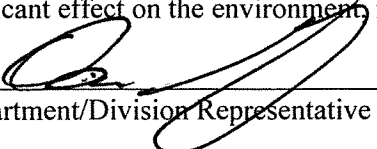
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County's General Services Department is recommending to the Board of Supervisors that the Board approve and execute a Settlement Agreement between the County, the Santa Barbara County Courthouse Docent Council, Rodney Baker, the Towbes Foundation, Montecito Bank and Trust, Michael Towbes, and A. Barry Capello, resolving potential litigation regarding the ownership and display of the painting entitled "Landing of Cabrillo". General Services is also recommending to the Board that the County accept the painting by virtue of accepting the Deed of Gift transferring title and responsibility for the Painting from the Docent Council, on the condition that the painting be permanently and prominently displayed to the public at the Courthouse, as part of the Courthouse Collection, for the public's use and enjoyment in the Courthouse.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Section 15378]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378. Project

Reasons to support exemption findings: As set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15378 of the California Code of Regulations provides an exemption from CEQA review for actions taken that are not considered to be a "project" for purposes of CEQA. Section 15378(b) specifically describes activities not considered to be "projects" for purposes of CEQA. Subsection 15378(b) (5) includes "Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment." The Board's action of executing the Settlement Agreement and accepting the Painting through the Deed of Gift are considered administrative activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Therefore, the Board's proposed action, which has no possibility of a significant effect on the environment is not a "project" that requires environmental review under CEQA.



Department/Division Representative



Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning and Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines, and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval.

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