

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** General Services Department, Real Estate Services

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity 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):** 117-483-006

**Location:** 218 West Carmen Lane, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, California

**Project Title:** First Amendment to Lease Agreement for First 5 Office located at 218 West Carmen Lane, Santa Maria, 93458

**Project Description:** The proposed action is for the renewal of a lease agreement for the continued use of office space at 218 W. Carmen Lane, Santa Maria for use by the First 5 Children and Families Commission and does not involve an expansion of use. Therefore the action does not have a potential for causing any effect on the environment.

**Exempt Status: (Check one)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project [§15352 and 15378(b)(2)]

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15301 Existing Facilities.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The proposed action is for the renewal of a lease agreement for commercial office space for use by the First 5 Children and Families Commission and does not involve an expansion of use. Therefore the action does not have a potential for causing any effect on the environment and is therefore categorically exempt from CEQA as stated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301: Class 1 consists of the operation, repair and maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or non expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

  
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Department/Division Representative  
Ronn Carlentine, Real Estate Services Manager

Date: 5/31/12

**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 to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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DATE FILED WITH CLERK OF THE BOARD