

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: Countywide

Project Title: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the County and the United Way of Northern Santa Barbara County (United Way) Designating the United Way as the Santa Barbara County Coordinated Entry System (CES) Coordinating Agency

Project Description: A Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a community-wide system to standardize and expedite the process by which people experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, can access housing and homeless resources. It connects the community's network of homeless services and housing resources while streamlining, standardizing and coordinating the homeless intake, assessment, and referral processes. Through CES, people experiencing homelessness will be matched to services and housing based on their preferences and level of need. Coordinated Entry Systems are a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for all Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program recipient agencies such as the County of Santa Barbara. The MOU will designate the United Way as the CES Coordinating Agency and outlines their respective roles and responsibilities related to CES implementation.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(5); Administrative activities of governments which will not result in a physical change in the environment are not a project as defined by CEQA.

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

An agreement outlining roles and responsibilities of agencies to coordinate homeless assistance entry program implementation is an administrative action and has no direct physical impact on the environment.

Department/Division Representative Jill Van Wie Date January 9, 2018

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.

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