NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

FROM: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial and Administrative Office (on behalf of Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney)

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: County of Santa Barbara

Project Title: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program Grant.

Project Description: The UV Grant Program is funded by Cal OES, and has been awarded to the District Attorney's Office for advocacy and outreach to unserved/underserved victims in Santa Barbara County.

Exempt Status: (Check one)
          _____ Ministerial
          _____ Statutory
          _____ Categorical Exemption
          _____ Emergency Project
          ✓   Not a Project: Section <u>15378(b)(4)</u>
          _____ Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378(b)(4); the actions are not a project as they are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Santa Barbara County Office of the District Attorney has applied for and been awarded grant funding for the UV program. The District Attorney is requesting that the Board ratify the grant agreement. The Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program provides outreach to victims of violent crime within the unserved and underserved communities of the immigrant Spanish- and Indigenous-speaking agriculture workforce in the Santa Maria area.

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Michael Soderman, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer   *Date*
Department/Division Representative

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

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