

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 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) 025-302-022 **Case No. Real Property File No.** 003466

LOCATION: 2034 De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

PROJECT TITLE: First Amendment to Lease Agreement.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed action is to renew an existing Lease Agreement to continue use of leased office space for the County's Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services Department for a period of three years and with one option to extend the lease for an additional three years.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- X Categorical Exemption [Section 15301]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301 Existing Facilities

Reasons to support exemption findings: The proposed action is to extend an existing lease agreement authorizing the continued use of leased space that does not involve any physical changes, and therefore, have no potential to have any effect on the environment. As defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, Section 15301 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. All of the activities contemplated in the First Amendment are part of the current activities and no expansion of an existing use and therefore, the categorical exemption stated above is applicable for the proposed action and satisfies the requirements of CEQA.



Department/Division Representative Date

8.1.12

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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