

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Community Services Department

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.

**Location:** 057-240-049

**Project Title:** Project Roomkey COVID-19 Homeless Task Force Response

**Project Description:** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Homeless Task Force Response Team was created to help mitigate the spread of COVID through vulnerable homeless populations. The EOC Homeless Task Force Response Team opened a Non-Congregate Shelter (Project Roomkey) in the Southern portion of Santa Barbara County and contracted with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) to provide managerial administration support of the Non-Congregate Shelter site.

**Exempt Status:**

Emergency Project

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sections:**

15269(c); actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency; and 15378(b)(4); the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment do not constitute a project.

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

The actions provide emergency non-congregated shelter options and services such as case management, professional medical and mental health care, food, security and cleaning to ensure a safe and secure location for people experiencing homelessness in order to protect human life and minimize strain on health care system capacity, and do not constitute a project.

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Department/Division Representative

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Date

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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