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: Santa Maria

Project Title: Amendment to the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Subrecipient Agreement with the City of Santa Maria

Project Description: The County receives HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be used to expand the supply of affordable housing to low income households. The City of Santa Maria has been a member of the countywide HOME Consortium since 1994. The City of Santa Maria's HOME-funded TBRA program will provide security deposit payments to landlords on behalf of eligible low income households. Depending on need, Santa Maria may also fund utility deposits and monthly rental assistance payments. The Amendment to the TBRA Subrecipient Agreement allows for the inclusion of costs for housing inspection and determination of family income eligibility.

Exempt Status:

☒ Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 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):

Approval of an amendment to an agreement for pass-through funding for low-income rental assistance does not constitute a project.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date: March 17, 2015

Jill Van Wie

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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