

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Herman Parker, Community Services Director

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: n/a

Case No.: n/a

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendments (2008-2011)

Project Description:

The Board of Supervisor's action to approve the submittal of changes ("Substantial Amendments") to the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Annual Action Plans to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Board action also authorizes the County Administrative Officer (CAO), or the Community Services Department (CSD) Director as her designee, to execute the required documents necessary for submittal of the Substantial Amendments to HUD and to sign all contracts and documents for the award and expenditure of these grant funds. The County of Santa Barbara, through the CSD Housing and Community Development (HCD) division, serves as the lead agency for the County, which administers the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County Partnership.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Community Services Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Other

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4).

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The proposal is not a project under CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) which states that 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 physical impact on the environment is not a project.

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Date: 9/11/12

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.