

ATTACHMENT B: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Case No. 24ORD-00031

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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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 of Santa Barbara (County) guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): Not applicable. The proposed zoning ordinance amendments in Case No. 24ORD-00031 will apply to all unincorporated areas within the Inland Area of the county outside of the Montecito Planning Area.

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Location: Inland Area of the county outside of the Montecito Planning Area

Project Title: Art Tours and Home Occupations Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Project Description:

Case No. 24ORD-00031 amends Article 35.4, Standards for Specific Land Uses, of Section 35-1, the County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC), of Chapter 35, Zoning of the Santa Barbara County Code, regarding expanding the list of allowable temporary uses to include art tours and similar activities, and modifying the permit requirements and development standards for Home Occupations.

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☒ No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3).

Reasons to support exemption findings:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) is the “common sense exemption,” which applies to activities that do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Specifically, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) states: “Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.”

The proposed amendments to the LUDC to allow art tours and similar activities would facilitate infrequent, temporary events involving no permanent effects on the environment. Given the size, frequency, and nature of these events, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility of a significant effect on

the environment. Additionally, the modifications the permitting and development standards regulating home occupations are limited in scope, would not allow any new uses or development, and any use or development would be subject to applicable provisions of the zoning code in effect to protect the environment.

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Department/Division Representative

Date

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

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____