NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Services Department

The projects or activities identified below are 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 Barbara County

Project Title: Substantial Amendments to 2015-2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan to Add Veterans as a Preference Category

Project Description: Substantial Amendments to the 2015-2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the addition of a preference category for low-income Veterans who apply for occupancy at rental housing financed by the County using federal HOME Investment and Partnerships (HOME) program funds and who apply for HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).

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 any commitment to any specific project.

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

Approval of the consolidated action plan amendments do not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When individual projects and programs contained within these documents proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA for possible impacts which are unique to that particular project and/or program.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date October 10, 2016

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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