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 Barbary County

Project Title: Execution of Grant Agreement Between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara for FY 2016-17 Arts Commission Programs and Projects

Project Description: The County of Santa Barbara is required to enter into an agreement each year with the City of Santa Barbara for the provision of various arts programs which are administered by the County Arts Commission.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- ☒ 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 does not constitute a project.

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

Execution of the Agreement does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When individual projects and programs are awarded by the Arts Commission and proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under CEQA for possible impacts which are unique to that particular project or program.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date: August 31, 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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