

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO: Clerk of the Board**  
County of Santa Barbara  
County Administration Bldg  
105 E. Anapamu St, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**FROM: Long Range Planning Division**  
Planning & Development Department  
County of Santa Barbara  
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The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from 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

**Project Title:** 2009-14 Housing Element Program 1.2 Implementation: Housing Element Amendment and Inclusionary Housing Ordinance  
**APN(s)** Not Applicable

**Case Nos.** 12GPA-00000-00003 & 12ORD-00000-00015

**Project Location:** All unincorporated areas of the County of Santa Barbara

**Project Description:** This discretionary action by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara includes adopting the proposed Housing Element amendments and the proposed County Code Chapter 46A: Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

**Name of Public Agency Approving:** The County of Santa Barbara, Board of Supervisors

### Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial  
☐ Statutory  
☐ Categorical Exemption  
☐ Emergency Project/Declared Emergency  
☒ No Possibility of Significant Effect: Section 15061(b)(3): The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. 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.  
☐ Consistent with Existing General Plan

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

Pursuant to Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3: Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15061(b)(3), the proposed Housing Element amendment and Inclusionary Housing Ordinance are exempt from CEQA. This project involves policy additions that are administrative in nature to the Housing Element to implement Program 1.2 of the adopted Housing Element. Additionally, the Inclusionary Housing Program would be removed from the Housing Element and a revised Inclusionary Housing Ordinance would be codified as a new chapter in the County Code, completely distinct from the zoning chapter. The proposed project is strictly related to the requirements for affordability for potential land development in the future, and is not related to any actual anticipated development projects. No change of land use, land use designations or zoning is proposed as part of the project. The proposed project neither rezones any parcels nor removes them from the jurisdiction of County land use decision makers. Any subsequent development projects subject to the proposed Housing Element amendment or Inclusionary Housing Ordinance would be subject to compliance with CEQA. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment.

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**Department/Division Representative Signature**

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**Date**

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**Date of Final Action on Project**

Note: Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution:       Hearing Support Staff [for posting 6 days prior to action, and posting original after project approval]  
                          Project file (when P&D permit is required)

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