

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: 220 S. First St., Orcutt

Project Title: Action Plan Substantial Amendment for HOME Loan for Property Acquisition and Rehabilitation

Project Description: Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Action Plan Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that includes the provision of HOME funds to Good Samaritan Shelter (Good Sam) to acquire and rehabilitate residential property. The County receives an annual allocation of HOME Investment Partnerships funds (HOME) from the (HUD) to be used to expand the supply of affordable housing to low income households. Good Sam is in escrow to purchase a 6-bedroom, single family residential property in Orcutt (Property) with plans to operate the residence as permanent housing for low-income persons. The seller and current owner of the Property is the Life Steps Foundation (Life Steps), which no longer plans to use the Property for its intended purpose and desires to sell the Property. The Property is currently encumbered by a County Grant Agreement that establishes a right of first refusal for the County and imposes certain use restrictions. Good Sam will assume a modified Grant Agreement to preserve the Property for low-income persons and receive a County HOME loan to acquire and rehabilitate the Property.

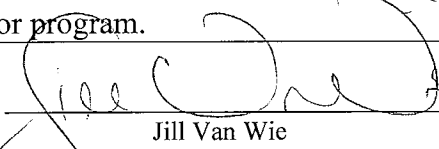
Exempt Status: Other

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 action plan amendment does 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 June 8, 2016

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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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