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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelby Cramton, Planner, Planning & Development

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: 075-202-046 **Case No.:** 21EMP-00000-00002

Location: 6625 Del Playa Drive

Project Title: Abedi – Emergency Permit Foundation Repair

Project Applicant: M. Aref Abedi

Project Description: The project involves the temporary shoring of an exposed concrete edge beam along the bluff in Isla Vista. Two aboveground steel beams, partially cast in concrete, will be installed on the northern and southern portions of the project site's rear patio. The concrete portion of the beams will be 16.5 feet in length by 3 feet wide, and the steel portion of the beams will be 28.3 feet long. A third steel beam will connect the two aforementioned beams perpendicularly to the existing concrete edge grade beam along the bluff. The new beams will provide temporary support for the existing overhanging patio slab. This temporary shoring will be effective until the bluff erodes to the point that it can no longer support the proposed beams, or if required to be removed sooner by Planning & Development due to public safety hazards. This point of bluff erosion will be delineated on the project plans. The project is expected to take 8 weeks to construct.

The proposed project constitutes an emergency because erosion of the bluff face has caused the existing concrete beam, which reinforces the underside of the patio, to hang over the edge of the bluff. The existing concrete beam and patio were designed to be supported from the bluff underneath, not to hang over the cliff edge as currently found. Further, the unsupported concrete beam and patio, or portions thereof, could fall and potentially injure a person on the beach below.

The parcel will continue to be served by the Goleta Water District, Goleta West Sanitary District, and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department. Access will continue to be provided off Del Playa Drive. The property is a 0.3 acre parcel zoned SR-M-8 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Number 075-202-046, located at 6625 Del Playa Drive in the Goleta Community Plan area, 3rd Supervisorial District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: M. Aref Abedi

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: Section 15269(c), Emergency Projects

Reasons to support exemption findings: *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15269(c) exempts "specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency." Emergency action is warranted in this case because erosion of the bluff face has caused the existing concrete beam, which reinforces the underside of the patio, to hang over the edge of the bluff. The existing concrete beam and patio were designed to be supported from the bluff underneath, not to hang over the cliff edge as currently found. Further, the unsupported concrete beam and patio, or portions thereof, could fall and potentially injure a person on the beach below. The clear risk to public safety posed by the unsupported patio constitutes an emergency under CEQA. The project will improve public safety on the beach below by supporting the existing concrete patio with additional grade beams that attach to the existing building foundation. Therefore, this statutory exemption applies to the proposed project.

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Phone #: (805) 568-2077 **Department/Division Representative:** _____

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