

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Support Services Division

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity 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) 117-483-017 **Case No.** Real Property File No. 003687

LOCATION: 302 West Carmen Lane, Santa Maria, CA.

PROJECT TITLE: DSS Carmen Lane Lease.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed action is to execute a Lease Agreement with The Vernon Group for the leasing of approximately 12,000 square feet of office space at 302 West Carmen Lane, in Santa Maria, and Budget Revision Requests for improvements, furniture and supplies for Social Services office space.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory
- ☒ X Categorical Exemption [Section 15301]
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301 Existing Facilities

Reasons to support exemption findings: As set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations provides an exemption for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The proposed action is to execute a Lease Agreement for office space at 302 West Carmen Lane, in Santa Maria, and to approve Budget Revision Requests for improvements, furniture and supplies for Social Services office space; which does not involve any physical changes or expansion of use, and therefore, has no potential effect on the environment.



Department/Division Representative

12/11/13

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning and Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines, and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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