## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

\_\_\_ Ministerial
\_\_\_ Statutory

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.

LOCATION: Portion of office building located at 1306 Santa Barbara Street, in Santa Barbara.

PROJECT TITLE: Children and Families First Commission Lease Agreement at 1306 Santa Barbara Street.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Ratification of a Lease Agreement with Lazy H Partners, the owner of 1306 Santa Barbara, in Santa Barbara, for 3,085 square feet of office space with 6 parking spaces, to allow the County's Children and Families First Commission to continue to occupy the space for the purpose of providing services to the community; for a monthly base rent of \$6,258.63, and a term to extend through August 31, 2016, with one option to extend the Lease Agreement for three additional years.

_X Categorical Exemption (Section 15301) Emergency Project No Possibility of Significant Effect
Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sections: 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair,
naintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities,
nechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project consists of ratifying a Lease Agreement between the County and Lazy H Partners (owners), allowing the County's Children and Families First Commission to continue leasing office space at the office building located at 1306 Santa Barbara Street, in Santa Barbara, an existing private structure. The continued leasing arrangement between the County and Lazy H Partners does not pose a risk of significant cumulative impacts resulting from projects of the same type, and the project will have no impacts on any uniquely sensitive habitat. The project involves no expansion of the existing use, and there is no reasonable possibility of a significant effect on the environment; therefore it is exempt from further CEQA review.

Department/Division Representative Date

**NOTE**: A copy of this document must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statue of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution:

DATE FILED WITH CLERK OF THE BOARD

at the time of the lead agency's determination.