NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department

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) 119-086-002 & 119-086-003

Case No. Real Property File No. 003693

LOCATION: The County of Santa Barbara is acquiring the two properties known as APN's 119-086-002 & 119-086-003, owned by Northwest Health Center of Santa Maria, located east of Lincoln Street fronting on Agnes Avenue and west of Broadway at 110 & 116 West Agnes Avenue, in the City of Santa Maria.

PROJECT TITLE: Purchase of Property for establishment of a Crisis Stabilization Unit that will satisfy the requirements of SB 82 Mental Health Wellness Grant.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Acquisition by the County of Santa Barbara of two adjacent parcels totaling 12,197 square feet. There is an approximately 3,100 square foot building located at 116 Agnes (APN 119-086-002) and a vacant parcel with a new parking lot proposed for construction by the owner at 110 Agnes, (APN 119-086-003). The project is for the establishment of a Crisis Stabilization Unit, a mental health facility that complies with the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013, to provide an alternative to individuals who currently must seek treatment during a mental health crisis.

EXEMPT STATUS: Check One)

Ministerial	
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Emergency Project	
X No Possibility of Significant Eff	fect (Sec. 15061 (b) (3)

Cite specific CEQA Guideline 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.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is to acquire the property at 110 & 116 West Agnes Avenue, in the City of Santa Maria, for the establishment of a Crisis Stabilization Unit, a mental health facility that will comply with the requirements of the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013. The acquisition will not change the current or historic use of the subject property. The action of acquiring the property will have no possibility of significant effect on the environment and is therefore not subject to CEQA.

Department/Division Representative

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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