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Legislation Text

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Consider recommendations regarding the exclusive right to negotiate for the County's acquisition of an administrative office building located at 315 W. Haley Street in Santa Barbara, First District, as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Exclusive Negotiations Agreement (Agreement) between the County of Santa Barbara (County) and PathPoint (Owner), which will grant the County, for a period of six (6) months, exclusive rights to negotiate in good faith with the Owner for the acquisition of real property and thereby enable the County to apply for competitive grant funds and other financing for the Project; and
- b) Determine that the recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15004 (b)(4), finding that the actions consist only of a pre-approval or preliminary agreement that: conditions any further agreement on compliance with CEQA; does not bind any party or commit the County to any definite course of action prior to CEQA compliance; does not restrict the County or any lead or responsible agency from considering any feasible mitigation measures and alternatives, including the "no project" alternative; and does not restrict the County or any lead or responsible agency from denying the project, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption on that basis.