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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED
Orcutt Community Plan Amendment Project
Case No. 19NGD-00000-00013**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Santa Barbara (County) proposes an amendment to the Orcutt Community Plan to include a new local road connection between Union Valley Parkway/U.S. Highway 101 interchange and the adjoining frontage road (commonly referred to as Rodeo Drive) on the east side of U.S. Highway 101.

PROJECT LOCATION: The community of Orcutt is located in unincorporated Santa Barbara County, immediately south of the city of Santa Maria. The study area for the project is located in Key Site 33 of the Orcutt Community Plan Area and includes the northbound U.S. Highway 101, as well as land to the east of U.S. Highway 101 from approximately 1,000 feet south of Santa Maria Way to approximately 1,900 feet south of Union Valley Parkway.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The County Planning & Development Department (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, 19NGD-00000-00013. You may comment by submitting written comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on June 29, 2020 at 5 p.m. Due to the non-complex nature of the project, a separate environmental hearing will not be held.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 15070 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County's Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. P&D's issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration affirms our opinion that any potentially significant impacts associated with the proposed project may be reduced to a less than significant level with the adoption of mitigation measures. The Mitigated Negative Declaration identifies and discusses the County's environmental thresholds and potential impacts on the environment for identified subject areas, along with applicable mitigation measures, residual impacts, and monitoring requirements. If the project description changes, P&D will require a reevaluation to consider the changes. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and all documents referenced therein may be reviewed on our website at:

<https://cosantabarbara.app.box.com/s/o9fp2865sykaqn98s0702plaa96xj7t5/folder/71459316316>. For alternative accommodations, please contact the project planner, Mark Friedlander, Telephone: (805) 568-3532, Email: mfriedlander@countyofsb.org.

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to the project planner, Mark Friedlander, Telephone: (805) 568-3532, Fax: (805) 568-2030, Email: mfriedlander@countyofsb.org, Mail: 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, prior to the close of public comment on June 29, 2020 at 5 p.m. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as transportation, biology, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial, which is expected to occur in fall 2020.