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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
DRAFT INITIAL STUDY-MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED
PROBATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS PROJECT**

[Case No(s): GS-042022-19014-ISMND]

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Santa Barbara proposes construction of a new approximately 35,000 square foot building in the Downtown area of the incorporated boundary of the City of Santa Barbara.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is a 1.1-acre property located near the corner of Garden Street and Carrillo Street, approximately 0.7 miles north of U.S. 101, APN 029-212-011, 2nd Supervisorial District.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT: The County of Santa Barbara General Services Department is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in GS-042022-19014-ISMND. You may comment by submitting written comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

PROJECT DETAILS: The proposed project includes construction of a new approximately 35,000 square foot building on a 1.1-acre site. The proposed new building would be three stories, raising to four-stories facing Garden Street, with a large central courtyard situated in the middle of the building. The proposed building height would be 59 feet 8 inches and would contain private offices, classrooms, interview rooms, and support spaces to these main functions.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: General Services has prepared a Draft Initial Study – Mitigated Negative Declaration (GS-042022-19014-ISMND) pursuant to requirements of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed project due to the potential for significant adverse effects requiring mitigation. The MND prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant effects on the environment requiring mitigation are anticipated in the following areas:

- **Class II, Significant Impacts that Can Be Mitigated to Less than Significant Levels: biological resources - nesting birds; unanticipated discovery of cultural, tribal resources, and human remains; construction noise.**

If the project description changes, General Services will require a reevaluation to consider the changes. This reevaluation will be subject to all regular fees and conditions. 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: If a copy of the MND is not attached to this notice, the MND may be obtained and all documents incorporated by reference in the MND may be reviewed at General Services offices located at 1105 Santa Barbara Street, 2nd Floor, Santa Barbara, and on the Capital Projects website at <https://www.countyofsb.org/1565/Capital-Projects>

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to the project manager, Shane Mahan, at General Services Department–Support Services Division, 1105 Santa Barbara Street, 2nd Floor, Santa Barbara, California 93101; smahan@countyofsb.org; or (805) 689-1423 prior to the close of public comment on May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.