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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Clerk of the Board
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Project Name: Low Barrier Navigation Center (Behavioral Health Bridge Housing)

Project Location: 2202 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Assessor Parcel No.: 026-011-06 (portion of)

Project Applicant: County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency

Project Description: Demolish 4,000 SF veterinary clinic; install modular structure(s) with estimated building footprint of less than 10,000 SF to house 34-bed Low Barrier Navigation Center (LBNC) for homeless clients; connect structure(s) to existing utilities, and related minor sitework. Located on developed 1.5-acre County property, with existing healthcare facility and parking lot to remain. LBNC will be secure facility accepting clients by referral only, no drop-in services. LBNC will accommodate occupants' pets, privacy and belongings, and will prioritize well-being and safety for those onsite and in surrounding neighborhood. Located just outside Santa Cruz city limits, in Census-designated Urbanized Area. Site is zoned for mixed uses in nonresidential zones allowing multifamily uses (Public Facilities and Community Commercial).

Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz

County Contact: Nicole Steel, Project Manager Telephone No.: (831) 454-2160

Date Completed: March 26, 2024

The project is exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

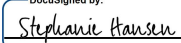
Exempt status: (check one)

- The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- Ministerial Project involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- Statutory Exemption other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines §15260 to 15285).

Specify type: Emergency Project per §15269(b)(c); Statutory exemption per Gov Code S. 65660-65662.

Categorical Exemption

Reasons why the project is exempt: CA Gov Code §65660-65662 deem a Low Barrier Navigation Center to be a ministerial project and therefore exempt from CEQA. The project is also an emergency project to address the shelter crisis declared by the County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Gov Code 8698.2 in Resolution 223-2018.

Signature:  _____ Date: 4/3/2024

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