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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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The project or activity identified below 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: 009-352-037 Case No.: 24CDH-00006

Location: 1104 Channel Drive

Project Title: Ramsey Sports Court Deconstruction

Project Applicant: LAT Family Trust

Project Description: The project is a request for a Coastal Development Permit with Hearing to allow for the deconstruction of an existing unpermitted 34' x 64' sports court and the painting of existing hardscape to match existing patio near the gym pavilion. No grading or tree removal is associated with this project. The property is currently developed with an existing single-family dwelling, pool, cabana and gym pavilion. The parcel will continue to be served by the Montecito Water District, the Montecito Sanitary District, and the Montecito Fire District. Access to the site would continue to be off of Channel Drive. The property is a 1.12 acre parcel zoned 1-E-1 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Number 009-352-037, located at 1104 Channel Drive in the Montecito Community Plan area, First Supervisorial District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Paige Mascari of behalf of Beck Studios

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: The project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 [Existing Facilities], which exempts the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of

existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Given that the project is for the deconstruction of an existing unpermitted sports court and painting of existing hardscape to match the patio near the gym pavilion the project is exempt under CEQA Section 15301.

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The proposed project does not involve unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) **Location.** Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply to Class I exemptions.

- (b) **Cumulative Impact.** All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply because there are no significant incremental or measurable cumulative impacts associated with successive projects of this type in the same place over time. Future minor alterations such as the deconstruction of a sports court in the project vicinity developed in conformance with applicable policies and regulations will not have a significant cumulative impact.

- (c) **Significant Effect.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply because there is not a reasonable possibility that the activity proposed will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The project consists of the deconstruction of an existing sports court and painting of existing hardscape. There is no increase in square footage or building height of any existing structures on the parcel. The project constitutes continued residential use of the parcel. There are no unusual environmental circumstances associated with the site. All services are available and adequate.

- (d) **Scenic Highways.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply. The project is located over 700 feet from the closest scenic highway, Highway 101, with several parcels and a railroad track between them. The project site is not visible from any highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

- (e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply since the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (hazardous and toxic waste sites). In addition, there is no evidence of historic or current use of disposal of hazardous or toxic materials on the project site.

- (f) **Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply because no archaeological or other cultural sites are known to exist on the property. Furthermore, no historic structures exist on the site.

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