



# City of Santa Barbara

## CEQA CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION

**To:** File: Average Unit-Size Density Incentive Program

**From:** Allison De Busk, Project Planner, (805) 564-5470, ext. 4552

**Subject:** Certificate of Determination for Exemption from Environmental Review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15183

**Project Location:** City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara **General Plan Designation(s):** Various

**Assessor's Parcel Number(s):** Various **Zone(s):** Various

**Project Applicant:** City of Santa Barbara

**Project Description:** Ordinance Amendments to Titles 22 and 28 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code. Proposed amendments to Title 22, Section 22.22.133 would allow the Historic Landmarks Commission to refer any project (not just residential projects) to the Planning Commission for comments and would clean up some out of date text. Proposed amendments to Title 28, Chapter 28.20 would establish a requirement for Planning Commission concept review of High Density or Priority Housing Overlay rental projects proposed in accordance with the Average Unit-Size Density (AUD) Incentive Program.

**Project Environmental Findings:** The City of Santa Barbara evaluated the proposed project and made the following determinations:

1. The project is consistent with the density established for the site in the City of Santa Barbara General Plan.
2. A Program Environmental Impact Report was certified for the 2011 General Plan, which identified environmental effects of future citywide development under the General Plan, including significant effects, mitigated effects, and insignificant effects.
3. Pursuant to CEQA and CEQA Guidelines (Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15183), environmental review for this project shall be limited to examination of any significant project-specific environmental effects not analyzed in the prior Environmental Impact Report for the 2011 General Plan.
4. Project-specific impacts:
  - The project will not result in significant project-specific environmental effects.
  - Potentially significant project-specific environmental effects will be substantially mitigated by uniformly applied development standards or policies and/or measures proposed as part of the project description, as identified in the *Preliminary Review* documentation. The project will not result in significant project-specific effects.
5. Mitigation measures:
  - Relevant mitigation measures from the General Plan Program EIR have been made part of the project.
  - No mitigation measures from the General Plan Program EIR are relevant or have been made part of the project.
6. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan [  was  was not ] adopted for this project.
7. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted by City Council for the 2011 General Plan (Resolution 11-079), finding that the significant cumulative environmental effects of citywide development under the 2011 General Plan were outweighed by the benefits of the Plan and therefore deemed acceptable. The Statement of Overriding Considerations remains applicable for the current project.
8. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

**Exempt Status:** Exempt per Section 15183 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Projects Consistent with Community Plan or Zoning) and CEQA Statute (Section 21083.3 of California Public Resources Code)

The Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2011 General Plan and the record of current project permit review process may be viewed by the public at the City Planning Division office at 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara.

	Project Planner	10-1-14
Signature (City of Santa Barbara)	Title	Date