

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINDINGS REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33445 FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FUNDING OF AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AT FIRE STATION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Barbara is undertaking certain activities for the planning and execution of redevelopment projects in the Central City Redevelopment Project Area;

WHEREAS, the development of an Emergency Operations Center at Fire Station No. 1 will increase safety in the Central City Redevelopment Project Area and the City of Santa Barbara;

WHEREAS, development of an Emergency Operations Center and the general improvement of Fire Station No. 1 will provide seismic upgrades; critical infrastructure improvements; and A.D.A. and other access to the entire Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency's funding of the development of an Emergency Operations Center at Fire Station No. 1 will benefit the Central City Redevelopment Project Area by safe-guarding and encouraging pedestrian and tourist amenities in the Project Area, which increases the vitality of the Project Area by encouraging economic activity by locals and visitors, encouraging public and private improvements, and eliminating blight and the conditions that lead to blight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The proposed improvements to Fire Station No. 1 and development of an Emergency Operations Center, to be funded by the Redevelopment Agency, are of benefit to the Central City Redevelopment Project Area as the improvements will increase public safety and generate additional pedestrian activity by locals and tourists.

SECTION 2. No other reasonable means of financing the development of an Emergency Operations Center at Fire Station No. 1 are available.

SECTION 3. The payment of Redevelopment Agency grant funds for the improvements will eliminate blighting conditions inside the Project Area by increasing public safety and encouraging pedestrian and tourist activity. An increase in these activities improves the vitality of the Project Area by encouraging economic activity by locals and visitors and will lead to additional public and private improvements, and thereby, eliminate blight and the conditions that lead to blight.