

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 THE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 1020 PLACIDO AVENUE, LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS

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 (“CCRP”);

WHEREAS, in order to meet the needs of the residents, visitors and commercial activities occurring within the CCRP, funding for acquisition of the property by the Housing Authority to provide a Detoxification (“Detox”) Facility will provide needed support services for individuals attempting to move beyond various alcohol and drug addictions;

WHEREAS, the Detox Facility is located inside the CCRP;

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place for the public hearing held by the City Council to consider public comment regarding the use of tax increment for a grant to the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara to purchase 1020 Placido Avenue for a Detox Facility was duly made and published in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 33679;

WHEREAS, a summary report concerning the use of tax increment to fund a grant to the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara to purchase 1020 Placido Avenue for a Detox Facility was prepared and distributed according to the requirements of Health and Safety Code Section 33679; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency may, with the consent of the City Council, pay all or part of the cost of the acquisition of a property by the Housing Authority for the possible use as a Detox Facility as it will be publicly owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara and is located within the boundaries of the CCRP, if the City Council holds a duly noticed public hearing and makes the findings set forth below.

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

SECTION 1. The purchase of property at 1020 Placido Avenue by the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara for possible use as a Detox Facility is of primary benefit to the CCRP because the Detox Facility will assist in alleviating possible blighting conditions brought about by homelessness and panhandling in the downtown core.

SECTION 2. The purchase of 1020 Placido Avenue by the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara for use as a possible Detox Facility will help eliminate blight and the conditions that lead to blight by ensuring that adequate and efficient public services are available to individuals who may be on the verge of homelessness and a life on the streets. Left with no where to turn, these individuals may be forced into panhandling or crime which negatively impacts the CCRP. Increasing the safety and security of residents, visitors and businesses within the CCRP will generate increased pedestrian, commercial and visitor activity within the CCRP which will lead to increased investment and the elimination of blight and the conditions that lead to blight in the CCRP.

SECTION 3. No other reasonable means of financing the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara's purchase of 1020 Placido Avenue is available to the community. Funds from general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, special assessment bonds or Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act bonds, are not available and the issuance of new debt by the City to finance the Police Station Renovation is not a feasible. The City, along with the state of California and federal government, is facing an economic crisis of historic proportions and is, therefore, unable to devote declining General Fund revenues to fund public improvements. Taxpayers, also suffering from record unemployment levels and increases to living costs, are unable and unwilling to increase taxes, even to finance necessary public safety improvements.

SECTION 4. The payment of funds for the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara's purchase of 1020 Placido Avenue is consistent with the Agency's 2010-2014 Implementation Plan adopted pursuant to Section 33490 which provides as follows:

"Opportunity Acquisitions and Dispositions: The Agency will appropriate funds, as necessary, to acquire and dispose of real property related to revitalization efforts that will contribute to developing and maintaining a vital Project Area. Funds would be for opportunity purchases or sales of property in the Project Area to be used for public-benefit development consistent with the Redevelopment Plan."

SECTION 5. The City Council has held a duly noticed public hearing and considered all public testimony regarding the use of tax increment to fund the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara's purchase of 1020 Placido Avenue.

SECTION 6. The City Council authorizes the Agency Executive Director to execute a Grant Agreement, subject to approval by Agency Counsel, with the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara in the amount of \$865,000 for the acquisition of 1020 Placido Avenue.