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To: Santa Barbara County Clerk
105 E Anapamu Street, Fourth Floor, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: Housing Accountability Act – Notice of Environmental Delay for 1609 Grand Avenue (PLN2024-00181)

Dear County Clerk,

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65589.5(h)(6)(D)(ii), if an applicant provides a written notice indicating a local agency's failure to act on an environmental review document, the local agency is required to publicly post that notice on its website and provide copies to specified individuals and to the county clerk.

On August 1, 2025, the applicant for the proposed 53-unit multi-unit development located at 1609–1615 Grand Avenue (PLN2024-00181) submitted such notice to the City of Santa Barbara. A copy of the applicant's written notice is attached for your reference.

If you have any objections, comments, evidence, or concerns regarding the project or the applicant's written notice, please submit them in writing to the City of Santa Barbara at 1609Grand@SantaBarbaraCA.gov no later than September 30, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Krystal Vaughn

Administrative Supervisor

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, Community Development
(805) 564-5562 | KV Vaughn@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

Attachment : Applicant's Written Notice (dated August 1, 2025)

From: SoCal Industrial Equities
To: Allison DeBusk
Cc: Barbara Burkhart; Richard Jacobs; Megan Arciniega
Subject: Re: environmental review for Record ID #PLN2024-00181 - 1609 & 1615 GRAND AVE
Date: Friday, August 1, 2025 3:24:39 PM

Allison, thank you for your email. I have cc:ed our attorney as he helped with the legal analysis.

The only issue you raise is that the development is inconsistent with the City's general plan and zoning.

Thankfully, this is not an issue.

As you are aware, this is a Builder's Remedy project. As per Government Code Section 65589.5(f)(6)(D)(iii): "[A]ll of the following apply to a housing development project that is a builder's remedy project...(D)(iii)Any project that complies with this paragraph shall be deemed consistent, compliant, and in conformity with an applicable plan, program, policy, ordinance, standard, requirement, redevelopment plan, and implementing instruments, or other similar provision for all purposes, and shall not be considered or treated as a nonconforming lot, use, or structure for any purpose."

Therefore, as there is no issue that exists, the CEQA analysis is now complete and there is no further CEQA action necessary.

Please confirm in writing by Wednesday, August 6, 2025 that you will come into compliance with Government Code Section 65589.5(f)(6)(D)(iii). If not, please consider this our notice that we are invoking Government Code Section 65589.5(h)(6)(D) as of today.

Thank you.

Ben Eilenberg

On Fri, Aug 1, 2025 at 1:40 PM Allison DeBusk <ADebusk@santabarbaraca.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Eilenberg,

Please see the attached letter in response to your question to Barbara Burkhart regarding whether your development application may be eligible for the new California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") exemption enacted under Assembly Bill ("AB") 130 (2025).

Sincerely,

Allison DeBusk
Interim Community Development Director



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