Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

**Project Title:** Extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 6321 to Certain Areas within the First and Fifth Supervisors Districts - Temporary Cap on Vacation Rentals File No. ORD20-0007

**Public Agency:** Sonoma County

**Project Applicant:** Sonoma County

**Project Location:** First and Fifth District (specific areas)

**Date of Approval:** December 15, 2020

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:**

The proposed project is Adopt an Ordinance extending Ordinance No. 6321 (temporary cap on vacation rentals), as extended by Ord. No. 6326, until August 6, 2022, limited to specified areas in the First and Fifth Supervisors Districts. Outside of these areas, the existing cap on new whole-house vacation rentals will be repealed. This ordinance would not affect the status of existing vacation rental permits or vacation rental permit applications determined to be complete as of August 18, 2020, and does not apply to hosted rentals.

**EXEMPT STATUS**

Further extension of Ordinance 6321 imposing a temporary cap on vacation rentals in certain areas of the First and Fifth Supervisors is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15262, 15378, and 15061(b)(3) for the following reasons:

(a) The temporary cap on new vacation rental permits is intended to provide additional time to conduct public outreach, feasibility, and planning studies necessary for future actions by the Board of Supervisors and is statutorily exempt from environmental review under Section 15262.

(b) Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, the temporary extension of a cap on vacation rentals is not a project under CEQA because it will not cause a "direct physical change in the environment," or a "reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment" because the ordinance is limiting in nature and do not authorize any specific development activity or promote new construction or growth.

(c) Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), CEQA review is not required because there is no...
possibility that this Ordinance may have a significant effect upon the environment.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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