

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE PURSUANT TO
SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE § 4.52.080**

I, Alelia Parenteau, Sustainability and Resilience Director, declare the following:

1. Work done under a maintenance and repair purchase order (Purchase Order No. 32401613) was awarded to Rincon Consultants, Inc in the amount of \$105,207.20. Work is estimated to be completed by August 30, 2024.

The message shall comply with Municipal Code Section 4.52.080 requiring Department Head declaration in writing of the need to make an emergency purchase order.

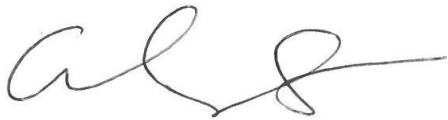
Alelia Parenteau has authorized work under an emergency purchase order related to abandonment and assessment of previously unknown orphaned underground storage tanks (USTs) under the sidewalk at 32 W. Carrillo Street.

Four USTs from the 1920s were discovered under the sidewalk at 32 W. Carrillo Street during a City Engineering trenching project. State UST Law mandates that the property owner is the responsible party for removing or decommissioning USTs as USTs not in use must be removed or properly decommissioned. The local enforcement agency for UST regulations is the Santa Barbara County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA.) The CUPA initially mandated the removal of the four USTs but has granted approval for UST abandonment in place and has given the City until August 30, 2024, to comply. Abandonment includes exposing the USTs, sampling and removing the contents, filling with slurry, and soil samples from below the tanks. This will require sidewalk and lane closures impacting vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The location of the USTs is next to the Chapala and Carrillo intersection which is one of the busiest intersections in the City. It is also near Fire Station #1 and the main MTD Bus Terminal. City Fire Station #1 is the main fire station with the largest apparatus. City Fire has noted that this intersection is their main conduit from the west side of town to the east side and for the sake of public health and safety the closure of this intersection due to the UST abatement work must be minimized as much as possible. The Saturday Farmers Market is moving to this intersection in early September of 2024, which will bring increased pedestrian traffic to an already impacted intersection which is pushing the need to complete this project as quickly as possible. Given the regulatory deadline and the public health and safety aspect Rincon Consultants, Inc. has been awarded this Emergency Purchase Order to complete the environmental compliance phase of the UST abatement project. Scope of services includes soil borings, soil samples, lab analysis, UST contents access, UST contents removal and cleaning, UST slurry fill, regulatory agency correspondence and reporting. This work will require going to council after the fact for authorization as it will exceed council approval threshold.

Following ordinary purchasing procedures would have required additional time to solicit proposals and execute a contract. In addition, the extra time to solicit multiple proposals would have pushed the project completion past regulatory

deadlines and left the public safety exposed, therefore there is urgency to get this work done now.

UST Abatement costs are generally funded by the General Fund. The additional costs related to this emergency will likely need additional appropriations, for which staff will seek approval from Council after the scope and related costs are more clearly known, as is consistent with City policy on emergency repairs. The declaration will be posted on the City's website.

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Aleia Parenteau
Sustainability & Resilience Director