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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Helene Franchi for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Susan Kuss, Management Analyst II - 707.253.4826
SUBJECT: Update on Future Board Items

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer will provide a report on a possible campaign contribution limits ordinance and seek direction from the Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members of the Board of Supervisors are given the opportunity at each Board meeting to request items for future agendas. Because the specific topic requested was not on the agenda, the remaining members of the Board do not have the opportunity to discuss these requests at the time of request. Staff is requesting direction, to help prioritize staff workload, on the possibility of developing a future campaign contribution limit ordinance.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff report.
2. Public comment.
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The purpose of Future Agenda staff reports is to ensure requests for future agenda items are addressed in a timely manner and to ensure that all Board members have the opportunity to provide feedback before significant County resources are invested in these requests. Staff is asking for Board direction on the pending item of developing a ordinance limit campaign contributions as requested by a member of the Board at the January 5, 2021 board meeting.

Campaign Contribution Limits:

Assembly Bill No. 571, amended in October 2019 and effective January 1, 2021, authorizes a county or city to impose a limitation that is different than the limitation imposed by the bill. The current contribution limit for county and city offices is \$4,900 per election. If directed, staff will develop an ordinance that imposes a limit other than the state contribution limit. If your Board chooses to enact a contribution limit other than the state limit, the limit would apply only to the county; not the cities within the county, and the county will be responsible for enforcing that limit. If your Board elects not to adopt a contribution limit unique to the county, the state contribution limit will prevail and the responsibility for enforcing the limit will be retained by the State.

Staff estimates 35 hours for this analysis by County Counsel and the CEO if the Board provides direction on the desired provisions of an ordinance. This estimate does not include an estimate of time required to field complaints or subsequent enforcement of those complaints. Staff recommends returning to the Board with a draft ordinance on February 23, 2021.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . AB 571

B . Future Agenda Items

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Samuel Ross