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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Minh Tran - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office

**REPORT BY:** Nelson Cortez, Staff Assistant-BOS - 7072991478

**SUBJECT:** Amendments to 2020 Federal Legislative & Regulatory Platform

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer, on behalf of the Legislative Subcommittee, requests discussion and possible approval of Napa County's 2020 Federal Legislative & Regulatory Platform amendments. (unanimous vote required).

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On January 7, 2020 the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2020 Federal Legislative and Regulatory Platform. As part of that discussion, the Board directed the subcommittee to consider amendments they received from the community. On January 13, the Subcommittee discussed and approved amendments to the Workforce Development and Retention and Immigration sections and other non-substantive edits.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

### **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**

On January 7, 2020 the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2020 Federal Legislative and Regulatory Platform. As part of that discussion, the Board noted receiving suggestions that they would like the Subcommittee to consider.

On January 13, the Legislative Subcommittee met and voted in favor of amendments to the platform (highlighted as **bold** text below), specifically in the Workforce Development and Retention (page 12) and Immigration sections (page 18) . The attached draft of the platform incorporates these suggestions and has non-substantive grammatical edits. The Immigration Section's amendments adds support for engagement efforts to create comprehensive immigration reform that includes clear paths to citizenship that do not cause burdens for local governments.

## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION (pg. 12)**

### **Issue**

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 provides the means for linking workforce, education and business services initiatives under the One- Stop Career Center System. The WIOA legislation is designed to strengthen and improve our public workforce system to help individuals with significant barriers, including youth, to employment. Job training and employment programs must be paired with job retention programs to effectively grow and maintain the local workforce, particularly in the area of health and human services, medical field, hospitality, and construction trades.

### **Action**

1. Support legislation that incentivizes public and private employers to hire and retrain people facing barriers to employment, including the long-term unemployed **and under-employment, veterans**, people with criminal records, dislocated workers, and homeless individuals.
2. Support legislation that provides funding for public and private subsidized employment programs, which help workers access training and support services to ensure income stability, **income mobility**, and their long-term success in the job market.

## **IMMIGRATION (pg. 18)**

### **Issue**

It is the laws, policies, and regulations of the federal government that govern how legal immigrants, refugees, undocumented individuals, and others enter and remain in the United States. As a result, a heavy fiscal burden is often placed on state and local governments, especially since counties traditionally provide health, self-sufficiency, and social services to all persons residing within their boundaries, regardless of immigration status. Since immigration is a federal responsibility, Napa County shall engage with its partners at the National Association of Counties and the California State Association of Counties to monitor and develop effective strategies that ensure that:

### **Action**

- 1. Comprehensive immigration reform should include the establishment of clear paths to citizenship that do not place a financial or administrative burden on local governments.**

2. No unfunded mandates or administrative burden is placed on states and counties as a result of immigration policies.
3. National strategies include coordination from states and agencies that represent local government agencies and authorities.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Clean
- B . Redline

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi