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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Additional Position to Measure A Financial Oversight Committee

RECOMMENDATION

The Measure A Financial Oversight Committee requests the Board to create and authorize recruitment for a new 18th position to the Measure A Financial Oversight Committee, for a member to represent Napa County taxpayers who shall be nominated by an organized taxpayer group operating within Napa County, including, but not limited to, the Napa County Taxpayers Alliance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During its September 5, 2007 regular meeting, the Measure A Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) approved a recommendation that the Board of Supervisors add an additional (18th) position to to the FOC to represent Napa County taxpayers, as authorized by Section 9(A)(3)(c) of Measure A. The current position designated by the initiative for taxpayer input states that the applicant must be recommended by the Napa County Taxpayers Association, an organization that no longer exists. The proposed addition of an 18th position will allow appointment of a person to represent organized taxpayer interests on the FOC as originally contemplated by the initiative without having to amend the Measure A Ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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 Measure A Ordinance designated one of the mandatory 16 positions on the FOC as a position for which applicants must be recommended by the Napa County Taxpayers Association. This position has been vacant since 2000 when that organization ceased to exist. The specific reference to this group in Measure A without provision for substituting a recommendation from an equivalent or similar taxpayers' group will continue to prevent this position from being filled in the future unless Measure A is amended by the voters.

With the emergence of a new taxpayers' group, the Napa County Taxpayers Alliance, there is renewed interest in having a member on the FOC officially representing the interests of organized Napa County taxpayers. In addition to the 16 positions on the FOC mandated by Measure A, Section 9(A)(3)(c) of the initiative also allows two additional positions to be created by the Board of Supervisors, as follows:

"In addition to the sixteen members described above, the Financial Oversight Committee may recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it appoint up to two additional members if in the opinion of the Committee additional representation of individuals and groups located in Napa County is necessary."

Using this provision, and upon recommendation by the FOC in 1999, the Board of Supervisors added one additional position for the purpose of obtaining representation on the FOC of health and human services interests. It is now proposed by the FOC that the second additional position be created for a member representing and recommended by a taxpayer organization located within Napa County. This would restore the original balance of interests contemplated by Measure A, which has been disrupted by the unexpected dissolution of the taxpayer group specifically named in the initiative. The candidate appointed for this position would be required to be recommended by a taxpayer group operating within Napa County, including, but not limited to, the new Napa County Taxpayers Alliance. If it were determined in the future that this representation was no longer needed, the FOC can recommend, and based on such recommendation, the Board of Supervisors can delete the position.

Upon approval of the FOC recommendation by the Board, the new position will be advertised for recruitment, and the FOC guidelines will be modified by the Napa County Flood Protection and Watershed Improvement Authority to reflect the added position.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman