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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Susan Ingalls for Robert Westmeyer - County Counsel County Counsel
REPORT BY:	Susan Ingalls, Paralegal , 259-8152
SUBJECT:	Political Signs

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion and possible direction to staff to prepare an ordinance to amend various sections of Title 18 of the Napa County Code referring to signage particularly to political signs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the October 12, 2004 meeting, the Board directed staff to review the current ordinance for possible amendments. Planning and County Counsel staff request consideration of the revision of certain portions of the County Code as indicated in the attached document.

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

During the last election, concerns were expressed regarding the County's political sign ordinance and related enforcement issues.

Planning staff and County Counsel have prepared the attached matrix comparing the current law and suggested revisions necessary to bring the sign ordinance into compliance with current State and Federal requirements. The Planning Commission would need to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation on the proposed ordinance amending the sign regulations. It is anticipated that the Planning Commission will hear this item sometime in March with the intent of forwarding the item and its recommendation to the Board in late March or April (depending on the extent of public hearing by the Planning Commission).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Matrix

CEO Recommendation: Approve Reviewed By: Lorenzo Ziálcita