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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office  
**REPORT BY:** Mary Jean McLaughlin, PIO/Committees & Commissions , 253-4111  
**SUBJECT:** Dissolution of the Napa County Family Violence Prevention Council

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests the following actions relating to the Napa County Family Violence Prevention Council:

1. Dissolve the Napa County Family Violence Prevention Council effective immediately; and
2. Delete the Napa County Family Violence Prevention Council from Part II, Section 13 of the Napa County Policy Manual.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

County Executive Officer requests the dissolution of the Napa County Family Violence Prevention Council due to inactivity of the Council for the past several years.

### **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 Napa County Family Violence Prevention Council consisting of thirty-two members was created by the Board of Supervisors on February 21, 1995 by Resolution No. 95-21. In 1998 Resolution 98-37 increased the membership to thirty-eight. Categories of membership include representatives from the following agencies: Battered Women's Shelters (2); Batterer Treatment Programs (4); Board of Supervisors (1); Courts (2); Family Court Services (1); Health and Human Services (1); Law Enforcement-Cities (3); Law Enforcement-County (1); Medical Community Representative (1); Napa County Bar Association (1); Napa County Commission on the Status of Women (1); Napa County Office of Education (1); Napa County Women's Bar Association (1); School District Representatives (2); State Legislature Representatives (2); Office of County Counsel (1); Office of the District Attorney (1); Office of the Public Defender (1); Probation Department (1); Public at Large (3); Victim Assistance Representative (1); Napa County Legal Assistance Agency (1); COPE (1); and, Other Interested Agencies (4).

The purpose of the Council is as follows:

- | to effectuate coordination between agencies, departments and the courts with respect to the victims of family violence and abuse;
- | to promote effective prevention, intervention and treatment techniques, which are developed based upon research and data collection; and,
- | to improve the response to family violence and abuse so as to reduce incidents thereof.

Although the Courts and agencies concerned with family violence and abuse continue to have an interest in conferring with one another, it has been difficult to recruit and retain members on the Council for the last several years. As a result, the Council as a formal body has been inactive. Therefore, the County Executive Officer requests that the Council be dissolved effective immediately.

The Court Executive Officer has advised that as part of community outreach, the Court will continue to hold quarterly meetings of the interested service providers who deal with family violence and abuse.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson