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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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 Delinquency Prevention Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion and possible direction to staff to prepare an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 2.76 of the Napa County Code to dissolve the Delinquency Prevention Commission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

County Executive Officer and Chief Probation Officer request the Board give direction to staff to prepare an ordinance amending the County Code to dissolve the Delinquency Prevention Commission.

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

Section 225 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code requires each county to have a Juvenile Justice Commission whose purpose is to serve as a public conscience in the interest of justice for children and youth. The main duties of the Commission are to inquire into the administration in its county of the juvenile court law, to

inspect annually all institutions used by the county for confinement of minors and to report its finding, with recommendations, to the juvenile court and to the California Youth Authority. The members of the Commission are appointed by the Judges of the Superior Court.

On January 15, 1974 by Ordinance No. 443, the Board of Supervisors created the Delinquency Prevention Commission whose purpose is to coordinate on a countywide basis the work of those governmental and nongovernmental organizations engaged in activities designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. The Board designated the membership of the Juvenile Justice Commission to also serve as the Delinquency Prevention Commission. Delinquency Prevention Commissions are not required by State law.

Staff from the Probation Department, the County Executive Office, and County Counsel recently reviewed the current structure of the Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission and determined that there is no need to have both Commissions. With the separation of the courts from the County, it has become difficult to coordinate the activities of a combined Commission. Since state law requires that there be a Juvenile Justice Commission, it is the Delinquency Prevention Commission that should be dissolved. Also, the functions of the Delinquency Prevention Commission are now duplicated by the District Attorney's Gang Violence Task Force.

Therefore, the County Executive Officer and the Chief Probation Officer request that the Board begin the process to dissolve the Delinquency Prevention Commission. Since the Commission was established by ordinance, a new ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 2.76 of the Napa County Code must be prepared in order to dissolve this Commission.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson