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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
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SUBJECT: Ordinance Creating the Napa County Housing Commission

RECOMMENDATION

County Counsel requests first reading and intention to adopt an ordinance adding Chapter 2.102 to the Napa County Code creating the Napa County Housing Commission.

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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed ordinance adds Chapter 2.102 to the Napa County Code, creating the Napa County Housing Commission. The Commission is being formed under the provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 34291. Two of the proposed members of the Commission will be tenants of the Napa County Housing Authority. The Commission will review and make recommendations to the Napa County Housing Authority on matters that come before the Authority, including matters associated with a broad range of farmworker housing issues.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The proposed ordinance adds Chapter 2.102 to the Napa County Code, creating the Napa County Housing Commission. The Commission is being formed under the provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 34291. Adoption of the ordinance is one of many steps being taken to allow the Napa County Housing Authority to assume operational control of the farmworker housing centers from the Napa Valley Housing Authority. Creation of the Commission will allow it to assume the duties and roles of the County Service Area No. 4 (CSA 4) Advisory Committee and the Farmworker Housing Oversight Committee, streamlining the current farmworker housing advisory process.

The Commission will be composed of a broad spectrum of representatives of the local wine industry, and a member appointed by the City Selection Committee. Members will also include a planted vineyard owner subject to the assessment of CSA 4 and a farmworker. Inclusion of these two members will meet the advisory committee requirements of CSA 4, with the Commission assuming those duties and the present Advisory Committee being disbanded when its duties associated with the CSA 4 assessment reauthorization are completed in July. The Commission will also be able to assume those duties presently being performed by Farmworker Housing Oversight Committee. As required by law, the Commission will provide for membership of two tenants of the Napa County Housing Authority, one of whom will be at least 62 years of age if the Authority has any tenants of such age or older. The inclusion of the two tenant members on the Commission is in lieu of those tenants sitting as Commissioner's on the Authority Board. Determination of the proposed membership composition was made in consultation with representatives of the wine industry.

The duties of the Commission will be those as required by Health and Safety Code Section 34292, i.e., "to review and make recommendations on all matters to come before the authority prior to authority action, except emergency matters and matters which the commission, by resolution, excludes from its review". In addition, the proposed ordinance assigns the present duties of the CSA 4 Advisory Committee to the Commission. Finally, the Commission would take on a broad advisory role related to farmworker housing issues.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Ordinance (redlined version)
- B . Ordinance (clean version)

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman