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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:** Patricia Grisham, Administrative Secretary I, 253-4424  
**SUBJECT:** Letter of Support for The Salvation Army Food Service Vehicle

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Discussion and possible action on a request from The Salvation Army, Napa Corps to send a letter endorsing the purchase of a food service vehicle to be used in emergency disaster services. (Supervisor Dodd)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Salvation Army, Napa Corps has requested a letter from the Board of Supervisors endorsing the purchase of a food service vehicle to be used in emergency disaster services.

### **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**

Emergency Disaster Services are an important part of The Salvation Army's worldwide mission as evidenced in the Gulf Coast Hurricanes of 2005, and those in Florida in previous years. Essential to these disaster services is the support of victims and emergency responders with Mobile Feeding Units, often referred to as Canteens. The

Army's immediate response followed Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by serving the needs of many thousands of survivors and responders with food and liquids from more than 150 of these mobile feeding units.

Napa County has had in its history of fire, floods and earthquakes, some with disaster proportions in recent years, including the recent flooding and the 2000 earthquake. In 2005, The Salvation Army, Napa Corps was given an older Canteen vehicle to assist in disaster response. The Salvation Army has participated in the County's disasters in terms of food preparation and they are part of our plan in a major disaster. Due to the age and condition of this vehicle, services have been limited to providing snacks and hot liquids, or to transport prepared hot foods to shelters.

With assistance from The Salvation Army Del Oro Division in Sacramento, Napa Corps is undertaking a drive to purchase a new Canteen (an 18-foot custom built mobile feeding van) to serve Napa cities and county. The vehicle will be fully equipped to prepare, deliver and serve food and liquids, hot and cold, to many. It will be operated by The Salvation Army, Napa Corps, and trained volunteers to serve victims and emergency responders in all the communities of Napa County when requested in any emergency, large or small.

The Salvation Army, Napa Corps, is soliciting all the communities of Napa County for support in the purchase of this vehicle.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Letter to Salvation Army

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman