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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Florin, Lawrance - Director  
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**REPORT BY:** Lawrance Florin, COM AND INTERGOV AFFAIRS MGR - 253-4621

**SUBJECT:** Resolutions urging the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep Napa County together in the new State Assembly and Senate Districts

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs requests adoption of two (2) resolutions urging the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep Napa County together and to recognize the various community interests amongst the counties of the Napa Valley region during the redistricting process of the California State Assembly and Senate Districts.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2008 and 2010 California voters passed Propositions 11 and 20. For the first time in California, a new fourteen (14) person Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) will draw the district maps for all Congressional, State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization Districts. The Commission will hold hearings in April and May of 2011 to solicit public input as to the composition of the new districts. The attached resolutions, which were recommended by the Legislative Subcommittee on April 25, 2011, would establish the Board's recommendations on drawing the state's Assembly and Senate districts as follows:

1. Ensure that all of Napa County is contained together for state Assembly and Senate district purposes;
2. That Napa, Lake, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Humboldt Counties continue to be included in the same California State Senate District; and
3. That Napa County and Sonoma County continue to be included in the same California State Assembly District.

### **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Staff reports.
2. Public comments.
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

### **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**

In November 2008 and November 2010, California voters passed Propositions 11 and 20, which changed the authority for establishing California's Congressional, State Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization district boundaries from elected representatives to the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission), a fourteen (14) member commission. In 2011, the Commission is authorized to review and draw the boundaries of the following districts:

- | Fifty three (53) Congressional districts;
- | Forty (40) State Senate districts;
- | Eighty (80) State Assembly districts; and
- | Four (4) Board of Equalization districts

In January 2011 the Commission met for the first time and planned to hold meetings throughout California to gather information from state residents about their communities, neighborhoods, and the issues that are most important to them. Based on the public input received and redistricting criteria, the Commission will draw new district boundaries. The Commission has until August 15, 2011 to approve the final district lines.

The Citizens Redistricting Commission must draw district boundaries based on the following criteria (by order of priority):

1. Draw districts with equal population;
2. Comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act;
3. Draw districts that are contiguous;
4. Respect counties, cities, communities of interest and neighborhoods where possible;
5. Draw districts to be compact where practicable;
6. Draw districts to nest within each other where practicable. That means:
  - | One (1) Senate district contains two (2) Assembly districts
  - | One (1) Board of Equalization district contains ten (10) Senate districts

On April 25, 2011, the Legislative Subcommittee met and recommended for the Board of Supervisors to adopt two (2) resolutions urging the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep Napa County together in the same Assembly

and Senate districts as well as in the same State Assembly district with Sonoma County and the same State Senate district with Lake, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Humboldt Counties.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Resolution - CA Assembly

B . Resolution - CA Senate

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Danny Nguyen