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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:** Dana Jensen, Secretary/Committees & Commissions , 707-299-1517  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment to the Napa County Arts and Culture Commission

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests one appointment to be made to the newly created Napa County Arts and Culture Commission from the following individuals with the term of office to be determined at the first meeting of the Commission:

| <u>Applicants</u>       | <u>Representing</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| (choose one individual) |                     |
| Peggy Jolene Hackney    | Napa County         |
| Diane Dame Shepp        | Napa County         |
| Emanuel Dimitri Volakis | Napa County         |

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The County Executive Officer requests the appointment of one individual to the Napa County Arts and Culture Commission to represent the County of Napa.

### **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**

There is currently one opening representing Napa County on the newly created Napa County Arts and Culture Commission. The County Executive Office has recruited for the open position and has received three requests for appointment.

The Napa County Arts and Culture Commission was formed by the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA), with staffing provided by Arts Council of Napa Valley. The Commission will be the primary advisory body for the arts and culture planning for the Napa communities. The Commission will function as the liaison between the arts community, government, business and philanthropic leaders, community developers, county and city planners, and the public at-large. The Arts and Culture Commission will advise the NCTPA on all art related topics and make recommendations on matters pertaining to the Town, City's and County's arts and culture programs.

The Commission will be comprised of nine (9) volunteer Commissioners. One Commissioner will be appointed by each City Council of American Canyon, Yountville, St. Helena, Calistoga, and Napa. One Commissioner will be nominated by the County Board of Supervisors. Three additional at-large Commissioners will be appointed by the NCTPA board, based on the above criteria, to ensure as many artistic disciplines as possible are included.

The Commission will be asked to demonstrate the following:

- | Advocate for the arts in Napa Valley.
- | Represent the cities and county as an arts official.
- | Promote public access to the highest quality arts opportunities possible.
- | Recommend art policies and procedures to city and county leadership.
- | Participate in meetings and retreats.
- | Generate cooperative ventures for funding, marketing and production of arts and culture programs.
- | Foster, promote and market the arts and culture programs for residents and visitors of the Napa Valley.
- | Assist in the development and implementation of Public Art Policies.
- | Promote collaboration in the arts on a countywide basis.
- | Increase public awareness of the arts and culture as an important community value and economic benefit.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Peggy Jolene Hackney - Application
- B . Diane Dame Shepp - Application
- C . Emanuel Dimitri Volakis - Application

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan