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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Revised list of Safely Surrendered Baby Sites

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of the revised list of Safely Surrendered Baby sites at fire stations in the County.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To protect the health and safety of unwanted newborn children, California law allows for a parent of a child less than 72 hours old to surrender the child voluntarily without being prosecuted for child abandonment. The child must be surrendered to an employee or officer of a hospital or other location designated by the county Board of Supervisors. This action revises the list to remove 12 of the 24 fire departments previously designated by the County as Safely Surrendered Baby Sites.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

In many California counties, fire departments are designated by the County Board of Supervisors as Safely

Surrendered Baby sites. In Napa County, HHSA's Child Welfare Services program has worked with the City of Napa Fire Department to establish appropriate materials, procedures and training so that all fire departments in the County are able to respond appropriately to a surrendered baby should the Board designate a fire department as a Safely Surrendered Baby site. The City of Napa Fire Department has taken responsibility for sharing this information with all other fire departments in the County. Designated sites are required to post the Safely Surrendered Baby statewide logo. The revised list removes 12 of the volunteer fire departments because the child must be surrendered to an employee or officer of a hospital or other location designated by the County Board of Supervisors. The volunteer fire departments are not staffed 24 hours per day.

A list of the proposed designated sites is attached.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Safely Surrendered Baby Sites-Revised

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon