TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Silva Darbinian for Jeffrey Brax - County Counsel
County Counsel
REPORT BY: Silva Darbinian, Deputy County Counsel IV - 259-8250
SUBJECT: Adoption of ordinance requiring electronic filing of campaign reports

RECOMMENDATION
Second reading and adoption of an Ordinance adding Chapter 2.103 to the Napa County Code relating to Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports.
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
On July 30, 2019, the Board conducted a public hearing and introduced the Ordinance, read the title, waived reading the balance of the Ordinance, and declared its intention to adopt the Ordinance at the next regularly schedule hearing or as soon thereafter as possible. The Ordinance is now before the Board for formal adoption.

County Counsel recommends adoption of the Ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT
Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Pursuant to Government Code section 84615 of the California Political Reform Act, County Counsel and the Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk have drafted an ordinance to implement electronic filing of campaign statements and disclosures and online reporting of contributions and independent expenditures. Section 84615 allows local agencies to require an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person who receives contributions totaling more than two thousand dollars ($2,000) and makes expenditures totaling more than two thousand dollars ($2,000) in a calendar year to file campaign reports and statements online or electronically with the local filing officer. The ordinance provides optional electronic filing for candidates and committees who do not exceed the $2,000 annual limit which is established by the Fair Political Practices Commission regulations. Electronic filing of these required documents is easier for the filer; less time-consuming for Election Division staff; implements the Open and Effective Government Pillar of the Strategic Plan and provides the public online access to these important campaign documents. The Board has approved the contract to implement the electronic filing process.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Ordinance

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi