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## Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Napa County Legislative Subcommittee  
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**SUBJECT:** Amendments to the 2020 State Legislative and Regulatory Platform

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests discussion and possible action on proposed amendments to the 2020 State Legislative and Regulatory Platform.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On January 7, 2020 the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2020 State Legislative and Regulatory Platform. As part of that discussion, the Board directed staff to make amendments to the platform after receiving recommendations from the community.

The attached amendments incorporate those suggestions and has non-substantive grammatical edits.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

### **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**

On January 7, 2020 the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2020 State Legislative and Regulatory Platform. During the discussion, the Board noted receiving suggestions that they would like to see in the platform specifically in the Workforce Development and Retention (pg 39) and Climate Action (pg 42) sections.

The attached draft of the platform incorporates these suggestions and has non-substantive grammatical edits. In addition to the substantive changes below, the Medi-Cal Reform Section (pg. 21) reflects the new name of the Governor's program to reform Medi-Cal which changed from CalAIM to Medi-Cal Healthier California for All.

## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION (Page 39)**

### **Issue**

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 provides the means for linking workforce, education and business services initiatives under the One- Stop Career Center System.. The WIOA legislation is designed to strengthen and improve our public workforce system to help individuals with significant barriers, including youth, to employment. Job training and employment programs must be paired with job retention programs to effectively grow and maintain the local workforce, particularly in the area of health and human services, medical field, hospitality, and construction trades.

### **Action**

1. Support legislation that incentivizes public and private employers to hire and retrain people facing barriers to employment, including the long-term unemployed **and under-employment, veterans**, people with criminal records, dislocated workers, and homeless individuals.
2. Support legislation that provides funding for public and private subsidized employment programs, which help workers access training and support services to ensure income stability, **income mobility**, and their long-term success in the job market.

## **CLIMATE ACTION (Page 42)**

### **Issue**

Napa County recognizes that climate change is a global problem, that decisive action is needed to prevent further impacts and that we must work together with other jurisdictions, local and regional, on addressing this existential issue. To this end, on June 18, 2019, the County and every city and town passed a proclamation affirming the "Countywide Commitment to Address Climate Change." The Board reaffirmed their commitment to the proclamation by appropriating \$100,000 to jumpstart regional efforts to address climate change and later in 2019, the County led efforts to establish the Regional Climate Action Committee composed of two elected officials from each incorporated area and the County, which met for the first time in late 2019.

Napa County hopes to adopt its Climate Action Plan in 2020 which provides a comprehensive roadmap to address the challenges of climate change in unincorporated Napa County. In anticipation of that adoption, the list below is

consistent with the proposals in the draft CAP which has as goals, reducing GHG emissions 40 percent below 2014 levels by 2030 and 77 percent by 2050 – consistent with the most recent guidance provided by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The State should establish standards for local jurisdictions to use in developing Climate Action Plans. Plans that meet these standards should have a presumption of adequacy for purposes of consistency with State mandates, CEQA, and litigation. The County believes it is critical that the State develop GHG forecasting methodologies, thresholds of significance, GHG emissions inventory protocols, providing the necessary tools to effectively reduce GHG emissions at the local level. There should also be a special recognition for rural counties with strong land use protections, where city-centered growth has already been demonstrably minimizing GHG emissions for several decades. The State must support local government's efforts to address climate change if it is going to meet its ambitious future goals.

### **Action**

1. Support legislation that reduces climate impacts, and increases funding for climate mitigation technologies and projects, including legislation **that to:**
  - a. Supports renewable energy, including streamlining and funding micro-grid systems while maintaining local control
  - b. Improves building energy efficiency
  - c. Reduces vehicle emissions and vehicle miles traveled
  - d. Protects and restores natural lands
  - e. Reduces the use of High-GWP (global warming potential) gasses
2. Support legislation that provides funding for planning and improvements to promote community resiliency in response to climate uncertainty.
3. Support legislation that provides funding for improving carbon sequestration on natural and working lands and that supports environmental farming incentives.

### **4. Support legislation that provides incentives, and removes barriers, to local jurisdictions that are developing and implementing Climate Action Plans.**

### **5. Support legislation that provides incentives for regional efforts to align and coordinate climate action planning.**

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Clean
- B . Redline

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan