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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee
FROM: Molly Rattigan for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Nelson Cortez, STAFF ASSISTANT II - BOS - 7072991478
SUBJECT: Federal COVID-19 Stimulus Package

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests discussion and possible action on President Biden's proposed COVID-19 stimulus package which, among other things, provide direct financial relief to states and local governments to respond to the global pandemic known as Coronavirus.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In late 2020, then President-elect Joe Biden released his administration's COVID-19 relief package that proposes \$1.9 billion in funds to help stimulate the economy and support individuals, schools, and governments during the global pandemic. The bill provides for \$350 billion in state and local government aid, \$20 billion toward a national vaccine program in partnership with states, local agencies, and tribes, \$50 billion for COVID-19 testing, among many other things.

Staff is requesting discussion and possible action.

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

Synopsis and Background

There have been two major stimulus packages passed since the start of the global pandemic in early 2020, none of which provided much needed, direct relief to small counties/cities. President Biden has proposed a \$1.9 trillion stimulus package that among other things, includes direct support to states and local municipalities. Specifically the package proposes:

- | Direct payments of \$1,400 to most Americans, bringing the total relief to \$2,000, including December's \$600 payments Increasing the federal, per-week unemployment benefit to \$400 and extending it through the end of September
- | Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour
- | Extending the eviction and foreclosure moratoriums until the end of September
- | \$350 billion in state and local government aid
- | \$170 billion for K-12 schools and institutions of higher education
- | \$50 billion toward Covid-19 testing
- | \$20 billion toward a national vaccine program in partnership with states, localities and tribes
- | Making the Child Tax Credit fully refundable for the year and increasing the credit to \$3,000 per child (\$3,600 for a child under age 6)

Status

Pending congressional action.

Support and Opposition

CSAC: Pending

RCRC: Pending

NACo: Support - Attached is NACo's legislative analysis.

STAFF COMMENTS

Platform: Yes

Federal: Priority 1, Page 7

State: N/A

Recommendation

Because it is consistent with the Federal Legislative and Regulatory Platform, direct staff to write a letter of support and transmit it to our federal representatives and federal advocates.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . NACo Analysis

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan