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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee
FROM: Mary Booher for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4112
SUBJECT: Federal Public Charge

RECOMMENDATION

County Staff and Legislative Advocates to provide a report on the proposed rule on Public Charge.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

County staff will report on the coordinated efforts of the California State Association of Counties and National Association of Counties on behalf of counties and the impact that result of changes to the Public Charge rule. Staff is currently working with these organizations to share data and community comments.

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

On October 10, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security released a notice of proposed rule making that would reshape how the federal government defines "public charge"- a term used by federal immigration authorities to determine whether an individual seeking immigration status is likely to become primarily dependent on the federal government for subsistence. The draft rule would widen the scope of programs and factors that federal immigration authorities may consider when determining if an individual qualifies as a "public charge."

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan