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## Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

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**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:** ACA 1 Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure voter approval

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests discussion and possible action on ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry), a resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the State Constitution to lower to 55% the voter-approval threshold for a city, county or city and county to incur bonded indebtedness to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing projects.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) would lower the current local vote threshold from 2/3rds to 55% for city, county or city and county issued general obligation bonds, placed on a local ballot, for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing projects. The bill also contains authorization for cities, counties, and a city and county, to impose, extend, or increase a sales and use tax, transactions and use tax, or parcel tax for the purpose of funding the construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing, subject to approval by 55% of voters.

### **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**

ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) is the combination of two constitutional amendments proposed by Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry and Senator Dodd in the last legislative session to lower the voter threshold for bond funds related to affordable housing projects and government infrastructure facilities including libraries.

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ACA 1 will require a 2/3rds vote of the legislature and if passed, will be placed on the ballot for voter approval by simple majority before taking effect.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . ACA 1-Text

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan