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Napa County Planning Commission Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Planning Commission

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Planning, Building and Environmental Services

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SUBJECT: Presentation by LAFCO Executive Officer Keene Simonds

RECOMMENDATION

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA COUNTY STUDY SESSION

Request: Presentation by Keene Simonds, Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County (LAFCO), and Commission discussion concerning the role, core policies and programs of LAFCO and how it relates to regional growth management in Napa County.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

State Law mandates that within each County an independent government agency preside over and manage the formation and adjustment of all government and service area boundaries. Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County Executive Officer, Keene Simonds, will provide the Planning Commission an overview the agency's structure, core policies and major programs.

As some initial background, LAFCO's were created by the California Legislature in 1963 with regulatory and planning responsibilities to coordinate the timely development of local governmental agencies and their services while protecting agricultural and open-space resources. Most notably, this includes managing boundary lines by approving or disapproving proposals involving the formation, expansion, or dissolution of cities and special districts. LAFCO's also conduct studies to help inform their regulatory duties. This includes preparing municipal service reviews to evaluate the level and range of governmental services provided in the affected region in anticipation of establishing and updating cities and special districts' spheres of influence. Markedly, spheres of influence designate the territory LAFCO's believe represent the affected agencies' appropriate future jurisdictions and service areas and must be reviewed every five years. All boundary changes, such as annexations, must be

consistent with the affected agencies' spheres of influence with limited exceptions.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This study session 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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

Napa County Planning Commission: Approve

Reviewed By: Charlene Gallina