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## Napa County Planning Commission Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Napa County Planning Commission  
**FROM:** John McDowell for Gitelman, Hillary - Director  
Conservation, Development & Planning  
**REPORT BY:** John McDowell, Deputy Director - 299-1354  
**SUBJECT:** 9:10 a.m. Set Item - Presentation by County Health Officer, Dr. Karen Smith

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **PROMOTING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES STUDY SESSION**

**Request:** Presentation by County Public Health Officer Karen L. Smith, M.D. M.P.H., and Commission discussion concerning land use planning and its relationship to public health.

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Napa County Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Division (PHD) is dedicated to identifying and promoting the fundamental requirements for health of the community. The County's Public Health Officer, Dr. Karen Smith will give a short presentation on the public health implications of good land use planning followed by Commission questions and discussion. For reference, attached to this report is the Healthy Communities-Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative Planning Guide, which is intended to help public health and planning departments collaborate on strategies to promote healthier communities. Each page links health risks to aspects of the built environment, outlining ways to ensure that neighborhoods are designed to support health equity and community well-being.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

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**

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative Planning Guide

Napa County Planning Commission: Approve

Reviewed By: John McDowell