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TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee
FROM: David Morrison, Interim County Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: Letter of Support - IHSS Administrative Funding Request in State Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Interim County Executive Officer, on behalf of Health & Human Services Director Jennifer Yasumoto, requests the County of Napa submit a letter of support for the \$240.2 million State General Fund requested by the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) to address underfunding in the In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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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

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