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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Minh C. Tran, County Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: NVUSD Education Code Permitting School Facilities Improvement District

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests adoption of a Resolution making applicable to the Napa Valley Unified School District provisions of Education Code permitting formation of School Facilities Improvement Districts.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD) has requested that the Board make applicable Section 15300 of the Education Code which provides for the formation of School Facilities Improvement Districts.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

School or community college districts may form a school facilities improvement district (SFID) within a portion of its boundaries for the authorization and issuance of bonds pursuant to Section 15300 of the Education Code. Section 15303 provides that the process will become operative only if the Board of Supervisors adopts a resolution.

On Friday April 22, 2022 the County received a letter requesting such action by the NVUSD Governing Board. By adopting today's resolution, the Board is allowing NVUSD to form a SFID and thence propose a bond measure for facilities within that district. Such a bond measure would require a vote of the registered voters within that district. Because Napa County has never had a SFID bond measure or election, the Auditor-Controller, Treasurer-Tax Collector, and Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk are unable to comment on the costs and challenges involved until the boundaries of the SFID are known. The impacts of the formation of a SFID will fall 1) on the Registrar of Voters in designing and conducting an election in a new territory and 2) the Auditor-Controller in determining the tax rate area(s) needed so that the bond costs will appear on the tax bills of property owners within the SFID.

The Napa Valley Unified School District has agreed to reimburse the County for any and all costs incurred by the County as a result of the adoption of this Resolution and the formation and implementation of the proposed improvement districts and any and all actions of the school district which cause the County to expend resources.