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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Morrison, Interim County Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: Update on Future Agenda Items

RECOMMENDATION

Interim County Executive Officer will provide a report on pending future agenda items requested at the Board meeting of May 2, 2023, and will request discussion and direction regarding the following requests:

- 1. Invite Generation Housing for Board Presentation on 2024 Affordable Housing Bonds ballot item and consultation services;
- 2. Provide update on Affordable Housing Program funding;
- 3. Prepare and introduce a safe weapons storage ordinance;
- 4. Determine when SB 1226 applies for application of building code to non-permitted construction; and
- 5. Provide update on Regional Climate Action Plan funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members of the Board of Supervisors have the opportunity at each Board meeting to request items be placed on future agendas for discussion. Because the specific topics requested were not on the agenda, the Board members did not have the opportunity to discuss the requests at the time due to the Brown Act. Five requests were made for Board consideration. Staff requests the consideration and possible direction for the requests made at the May 2, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Staff Report.
- 2. Public Comment.
- 3. Motion, Second, discussion, and vote on the item.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?

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 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

To ensure requests for future agenda items are addressed in a timely manner, and all Board members can provide feedback before significant County resources are invested in such requests, staff is seeking direction from the Board on the following requests made at the May 2, 2023, Board meeting.

1. The first request is to invite Generation Housing for Board Presentation on 2024 Affordable Housing Bonds ballot item and consultation services. This non-profit focuses on policy and funding advocacy to increase the diversity and affordability of housing in Sonoma County and are interested in expanding regionally. Generation Housing is expected to provide public outreach and engagement for the 2024 regional housing bond measure.

Generation Housing has produced comprehensive reports for Sonoma County, including Making the Rent: the Human Price of Housing Cost Burden and 2023 State of Housing in Sonoma County. The organization is interested in preparing the reports for other counties at costs of approximately \$100,000 each. Staff could schedule the presentation for a June board meeting. Funding for studies would be from Affordable Housing revenues.

- 2. The second request is to provide an update on Affordable Housing funding sources. The FY 2023-24 FY Recommended Budget presentation in June will provide an accounting of the fund, but the format does not provide for an in-depth policy discussion. Staff recommends the Board schedule a workshop this summer for comprehensive presentation and discussion of the Affordable Housing Program.
- 3. The third request is to prepare a safe weapons storage ordinance for board consideration. The intent is to message safe storage of firearms. County ordinances are civil and generally enforceable by code enforcement. The Sheriff's Department anticipates minimal application because the penal code provides for issuance of warrants if the alleged violation is a felony, which this is not. An alternative is for the Board to direct staff to prepare a message campaign about the benefits of safely securing firearms.
- 4. The fourth request is to request staff research the applicability of SB 1226 for application of building code to non-permitted construction. Staff will need approximately 100 hours to prepare a report for the Board

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that would be available this summer.

5. The fifth request is for staff to provide an update regarding funding of the Regional Climate Action Plan. In March of this year, the County and Napa County Resource Conservation District (NCRSD) submitted a joint application to the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP). The request was for \$595,500 to conduct public outreach and prepare a Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP). The application would not include funding for any California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document required for the RCAP. The grant passed the first round of review and is currently being evaluated by the Interagency Review Panel. A decision is expected by June, 2023. Request for funding have also been submitted to Senator Dodd's and Assemblymember Aguilar-Curry's offices. Staff recommends the Board schedule an update in July after more information is available.

Today's presentation provides the Board an opportunity to discuss the requests and to provide staff direction. A report is attached outlining which departments will be impacted by the requests if the Board directs further study and the estimated workload, if available. The report also provides the status of outstanding directives.