Applicants sought for First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission

NAPA – The County Executive Officer announces one opening on the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission representing Member from Category “C” below.

Category A) Two members of the commission shall be selected from among the county health officer and those persons responsible for management of county functions pertaining to children’s services, public health services, behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services; Category B) One member shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors; and Category C) The remaining members of the commission shall be selected from among the services described above and persons from the following categories: 1) recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; 2) educators specializing in early childhood development; 3) representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, or a local child care coordinating group; 4) representatives of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk; 5) representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting and nurturing early childhood development; 6) representatives of local school districts; and 7) representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies.

The Commission was established pursuant to the requirements of California Children and Families First Act of 1998. The Commission has developed a County strategic plan for local early childhood development programs from the prenatal stage to five years of age consistent with the goals and objectives of the California Children and Families First Act of 1998, as set forth in the Health and Safety Code. The Napa County Children and Families Commission meets the 4th Monday of each month. Please see the Commission Meeting Schedule on the website www.first5napa.org for updated time and location details.

Anyone interested in consideration for appointment must submit a completed application form. Application forms are available at the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, CA 94559, telephone (707) 253-4580 or online at https://www.countyofnapa.org/1420/Committees-Commissions. When you are on the webpage, click on “Application Form” under the heading “Apply.”

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Dear Prospective Commission Candidate,

We would like to thank you for your interest in First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission. As you consider applying for a seat on the Commission, we would like to take the opportunity to provide information about the work of the Commission and some background on Proposition 10, the legislation that created and funds the Commission.

In November 1998, the voters of California passed Proposition 10, the California Children and Families Act. Under the Act, funds from an additional excise tax imposed on tobacco products are to be used for promoting, supporting, and improving the early development of children from prenatal through five years of age. Determined through a local decision-making process, the Act facilitates the creation of comprehensive and collaborative early childhood development system. Prop 10 is a wonderful opportunity to support children and families in Napa County.

Though the Commission is a separate public entity, the Napa County Board of Supervisors by ordinance appoints the nine-member Commission. That appointment by the Board usually occurs within a month of the application deadline.

Please feel free to contact Joelle Gallagher, Executive Director at joelle@first5napa.org if you have questions regarding the Commission. You are also invited to view our website at www.first5napa.org. A copy of the Community Plan is available from the Commission office or can be viewed on the website. Again, thank you for your interest in the Commission.

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*The vision of First 5 Napa County is that all Napa County children will reach age five physically and emotionally healthy, learning and ready to achieve their greatest potential in school.*