

**COUNTY OF SONOMA  
AGENDA ITEM  
SUMMARY REPORT**

**Clerk of the Board Use Only**  
**Meeting Date**                      **Held Until**  
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**Agenda Item No:**                      **Agenda Item No:**  
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**Department:** Board of Supervisor

(   ) **4/5 Vote Required**

**Contact:**  
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**Board Date:**  
6/16/09

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** Federal Health Reform Legislation

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

Resolution urging immediate passage of comprehensive federal health reform legislation

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**EXPENDITURES**

**ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD**

**Estimated Cost**                      \$

**Contingencies**                      \$  
(Fund Name:)

**Amount Budgeted**                      \$

**Unanticipated Revenue**                      \$  
(Source:)

**Other Avail Approp.**                      \$  
(Explain below)

**Other Transfer(s)**                      \$  
(Source:)

**Additional Requested:**                      \$

**Add'l Funds Requested:**                      \$

**Explanation (if required):**

**Prior Board Action(s):**

**Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:**

**Background:**

The debate in Washington, DC, over how to fix American's broken health system is reaching a critical stage. Under the leadership of President Elect Valerie Brown, NACo's Health System Reform Working Group held three regional hearings to give county officials from around the country the opportunity to share their concerns. The group has summarized its conclusions in *Restoring the Partnership for American Health: Counties in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Health System* (attached), which was approved by the Health Steering Committee and Board of Directors at the Legislative Conference in March. NACo has shared these principles with officials in the White House and the Department of Health and Human Services as well as with each member of the House and Senate.

The attached resolution will support passage of health reform this year to restore the partnership between counties and the federal government.

**Attachments:** Resolution; *Restoring the Partnership for American Health: Counties in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Health System*

**On File With Clerk:**

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**Board Action** (If other than "Requested")

**Vote:**

Background information is on file at:

County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors Office  
575 Administration Drive, Room 100A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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