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Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA  94903

SUBJECT: Report from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding intimate partner violence prevention, and request for endorsement of the Framework for Preventing Intimate Partner Violence in Marin.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Endorse the Framework for Preventing Intimate Partner Violence in Marin; Working Together to Create Safe and Healthy Relationships.

SUMMARY: Beginning in fall of 2013, a broad range of community based organizations, county agencies and community members participated in a strategic planning process aimed at promoting comprehensive prevention strategies, coordination across sectors and establishing a policy framework that will provide guidance for future prevention efforts and will build upon the great work already happening in Marin.

The Framework provides a roadmap for implementing evidence based strategies for preventing violence and articulates:

- A common vision for preventing intimate partner violence
- Guiding principles that ground efforts for creating healthy conditions for reducing the likelihood of violence occurring in the first place; and
- The top prevention strategies that address the risk and protective factors that contribute to intimate partner violence in Marin.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: The development of this framework was informed by the insight of a broad range of participants who work every day to address intimate partner violence. We thank them for the support and commitment not only to this planning process for the work they do in Marin.

Intimate partner violence prevention complements intervention and criminal justice responses and offers a comprehensive approach that addresses multiple risk factors that contribute to its occurrence. Implementing strategies for prevention will affect the factors that often contribute to intimate partner violence; reducing the likelihood that violence will occur in the first place.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Framework for Preventing Intimate Partner Violence is focused on coordinating the existing efforts of County agencies and community-
based organizations throughout Marin. There is no increase in net county cost associated with this request.

Reviewed By:  
County Administrator ☒ N/A ☐  
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Respectfully submitted,

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