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September 19, 2006

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

**SUBJECT:** First Reading of Social Host Accountability Ordinance;

**Board Meeting of September 19, 2006** 

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Direct Clerk to read proposed Ordinance by title only and schedule Merit Hearing for October 17, 2006, at 10:30 a.m.

**SUMMARY:** Supervisors Murray and Adams have requested staff to prepare a Social Host Accountability Ordinance to address the serious problem of underage drinking of alcoholic beverages at loud or unruly gatherings held at residences or other rented facilities. Supervisors Murray and Adams have met with legal staff, representatives of H&HS Alcohol Division and the Sheriff's Department to determine the best course of action to address this serious problem. Staff has proposed the Social Host Accountability Ordinance, which will allow law enforcement to impose civil fines and civil fees against persons responsible for loud or unruly gatherings where alcohol is served to, consumed by, or in the possession of underage persons.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: None

REVIEWED BY:

Auditor-Controller
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Human Resources

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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