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PRESS RELEASE

WHO: Supervisor Mary Piepho, Supervisor Federal Glover

WHAT: Standardization of MACs

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Board to consider uniform MACs

Since their creation in 1990, Contra Costa County's Municipal Advisory Councils' selection process and composition will be standardized this July 1 in an ordinance co-authored by Contra Costa County Supervisors Federal D. Glover and Mary Piepho.

The board order that will be introduced this June 27 comes after a six-month review of the county's MACs, PACs and community service districts. It is the first step of the restructuring process for the MACs.

The proposed amendment MACs makes all the members of the municipal advisory councils appointed by the board of supervisors. The order also defines what constitutes a quorum and a majority vote. This is the first step in the reconstruction process for the MACs.

MAC members who were elected will be allowed to finish out their terms. When their term ends, successors will be picked by the supervisors.

Since the first MAC was formed in 1990 to advise the Board of Supervisors on the unincorporated community of West Pittsburg, 11 other advisory councils have been formed. They have taken various forms and have assumed duties that they were never intended to perform.

Subsequent board orders widened the disparity among MACs, making some of the MACs elected councils while others remained appointed. One MAC is a combination of elected and appointed members. Some MACs have five members and others have seven or eight.

The study was done at the request of Piepho who after assuming office noticed the variances among the MACs and sought to improve consistency in the composition, powers, and operations of the County's municipal advisory councils.