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HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Alameda
1221 Oak Street, Suite 536
Oakland, California

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION UPDATING THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA'S POLICY ON RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION OF TICKETS AND PASSES

Members of the Board:

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution Updating the County of Alameda's Policy on Receipt and Distribution of Tickets and Passes, pursuant to Fair Political Practices Commission Regulation ("FPPC") 18944.1.

Discussion/Summary:

Following review of the existing County of Alameda ticket policy, and recent changes and amendments to various regulations of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, this office recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution updating its policy governing the receipt, distribution and disclosure of tickets and passes received by the County.

The policy governs tickets received by the County that are available for use by County officials and employees for public purposes and available for distribution to sectors of the public without cost to those receiving the tickets. Adoption of the updated policy ensures that the County is able to continue its distribution of tickets and passes for the benefit of economic development, maintaining oversight of County facilities, to acknowledge the value of non-profits, schools and other resources that enrich the community for all those residing in Alameda County.

Examples of key changes to the policy include:

- Provides clarity regarding the timeline for completion of Form 802 by confirming that it will be completed within 45 days of *distribution* of the ticket or pass (not 45 days of the event).
- Provides greater transparency regarding use of tickets and passes.
- Authorizes the County Administrator to issue guidelines to staff to facilitate timely tracking and reporting of ticket usage.
- Requires a written inspection report of findings and recommendations for certain uses of tickets and passes.

- Prohibits the disproportionate use of tickets or passes by a member of the governing body, chief administrative officer of the agency, political appointee, or department head.

With the adoption of the revised policy, the Office of the County Counsel will provide additional training to pertinent County staff to ensure that ticket administrators are informed of the changes.

Financing

Adoption of the updated policy will not impact Net County Cost.

Vision 2026 Goal

This action contributes to the 10X goal of enhancing the safety, well-being, and resiliency of vulnerable populations by allowing the County to provide tickets and passes to vulnerable communities such as youth in foster care, the juvenile justice system, and other special programs, free of charge. By exposing these youth to experiences they may not otherwise afford, the County can expand their experience of what is possible, encourage them to dream beyond their surroundings, and reward them for making progress towards their goals to encourage them to stay on track.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

cc: Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator