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## NOTICE OF REVIEW

### Draft Municipal Service Review on Countywide Law Enforcement Services

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The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County invites comments on the agency's draft municipal service review on countywide law enforcement services. The draft represents LAFCO's independent evaluation of the availability and adequacy of law enforcement services provided – directly or indirectly – by the six principal service providers operating in Napa County: (a) City of American Canyon; (b) City of Calistoga; (c) City of Napa; (d) City of St. Helena; (e) Town of Yountville; and (f) County of Napa. This includes – as required under State law – making determinative statements on a series of prescribed factors that include infrastructure capacities, funding needs, and alternative service delivery options. LAFCO will use the municipal service review once completed to inform its decision-making as it relates to fulfilling its other regulatory and planning responsibilities in facilitating orderly urban growth.

As detailed in the Executive Summary, the draft includes measured recommendations aimed at generating additional discussion on perceived opportunities to improve local law enforcement services going forward and relative to LAFCO's mandates in facilitating logical growth and development. These recommendations fall short of prescribing specific actions, but memorialize areas LAFCO believes warrant further review with the intention of reevaluating if and when considering any future boundary/service changes involving the affected communities. This includes, most notably, strongly encouraging collaboration between Calistoga and St. Helena with the eventual objective of merging their respective law enforcement services through a joint-authority or contracting arrangement; the latter including, but not limited to, contracting with the County Sheriff.

Electronic copies of the draft report are available for viewing by visiting the LAFCO website's home page at [www.napa.lafco.ca.gov](http://www.napa.lafco.ca.gov). Hard copies are also available for viewing at the LAFCO office. Comments on the draft are welcomed through **May 10, 2012** and should be directed by e-mail to Brendon Freeman at [bfreeman@napa.lafco.ca.gov](mailto:bfreeman@napa.lafco.ca.gov). Any comments received by this date will be considered in the final document presented for Commission consideration at its June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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