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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 6, 2021

From: Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Chair

To: Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer

Re: 2021 Board of Supervisors Committee Assignment Recommendations

Attached you will find my recommendations for 2021 Board of Supervisors Committee Assignments, which reflect relative few changes from assignments made in 2020. Where changes are noted, they reflect an effort to ensure fair distribution of policy planning workload and create alignment of district specific issues with assignments. Highlights of significant recommendation changes include:

- 1. Modifying the charge and name of *Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee* to the *Health, Homelessness, and Human Services Committee*, thereby creating the opportunity for focused attention on the intersection of these three policy and service areas.
- 2. Formation of an *Affordable Housing Committee*. This new standing committee would be focused on fulfilling this Board's goals around increasing the supply of affordable housing throughout the county, in partnership with our incorporated cities.
- 3. Formation of a *COVID-19 Communications Ad Hoc*. This committee would consist of the Chair and Immediate Past Chair and be tasked to work with Staff and other Board approved resources to increase public awareness of County efforts to address the pandemic.
- 4. Implementing a practice of rotating membership on the *Local Agency Formation Commission* (*LAFCO*) to ensure continuity of leadership from the Board of Supervisors to this important commission, as well as depoliticize appointment. Primary members would consist of the Chair and Immediate Past Chair, with the Vice Chair serving as the Board's designated alternate.