

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** DPSS-Community Action

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** 2/26/04

**SUBJECT:** Celebrating 40 Years of Community Action

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board approve the proclamation in recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War on Poverty.

**BACKGROUND:** Forty years ago President Lyndon Baines Johnson, in tribute to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, urged Congress to pass the Economic Opportunity Act (EOA) which launched a comprehensive set of strategies from Head Start to health clinics to community action agencies in order to "eradicate poverty in the midst of plenty". He called on Sargent Shriver to serve as the first director of the Office of Economic Opportunity. Today, there are 15 original programs located in the Inland Empire: (2) community action agencies, (2) community health clinic programs, (5) Upward Bound projects, (2) Head Start programs, (1) Job Corp., (1) Legal Services, (1) National Youth Sports program, and (1) Migrant Opportunities for farm workers.

*Lois J. Carson*  
Lois J. Carson, Executive Director

**FINANCIAL DATA:**

**CURRENT YEAR COST:**  
**NET COUNTY COST: \$ 0**

**ANNUAL COST:**  
**IN CURRENT BUDGET:**  
**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:**

**FOR FY: 03/04**

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** No County funds will be used.

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**APPROVE**

*Don Martig*

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SIGNATURE**

Department Recommendation:  Consent  Policy  
Per Executive Officer:  Consent  Policy

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