

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

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FROM: Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

SUBMITTAL DATE:
09/14/04

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution # 2004-372, Requesting that the Governor Add Judgeships in Riverside County

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution # 2004-372, requesting that the State Governor appropriate funding to increase the number of judicial officers in Riverside County.

BACKGROUND: Recent population growth in Riverside County has resulted in a severe crisis in the court system. In 2003, according to the Judicial Council of California, the ratio of cases per County judicial officer exceeded the statewide average by more than 100%. In October 2001 the Judicial Council reported that to meet its caseload, Riverside County would require 41 additional judicial positions.

The Sheriff's Department recommends that the Board adopt Resolution # 2004-372, requesting that the State Governor appropriate the funds to add the necessary judicial positions in Riverside County to bring the caseload per judicial officer in line with the statewide average.

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Janis K Conkles for
Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 2004-05

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. While the State is responsible for funding these new judicial positions and associated court costs including facilities, the County will be responsible for providing additional funding for other related criminal justice activities (Public Defender, District Attorney, Probation, etc.) The Executive Office will re-visit these related costs on an as needed basis.

County Executive Office Signature

Daryn M. Christmas

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

3.51

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-372

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING
THE GOVERNOR APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO
SUPPORT THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL
JUDICIAL OFFICERS FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside is the fifth largest and the fastest growing County in the State of California with a population of 1,758,300 as estimated by the Department of Finance, State of California, as of February 11, 2004; and

WHEREAS, this staggering increase in population has created a severe crisis in the court systems of Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, the total cases per judicial officer in the County of Riverside was 4,621, which is more than 100% higher than the Statewide average (2,104), according to the Judicial Council of California; and

WHEREAS, the cases that require the greatest amount of time are felony matters, and the County of Riverside had 15,412 felony filings, ranking fourth in the State of California, according to the Judicial Council of California, 2003 Court Statistics Report; and

WHEREAS, according to the State Judicial Council, in a report dated October 26, 2001, Riverside County needs an additional 41 judicial positions to handle the County's incredible caseload; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County's need is the third greatest in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the lack of judicial officers in Riverside County has an extremely negative impact on victims, witnesses, and the entire justice system in one of California's largest counties; and

WHEREAS, failure to act to relieve this pressure may cause the dismissal of criminal cases due to a lack of available judicial officers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, County of Riverside, California, that the County of Riverside supports the request to have the Governor of the State of California appropriate the funding necessary to appoint additional judicial officers to ease the severe crisis in the Riverside court system.