

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



FROM: Supervisor Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: October 5, 2004

SUBJECT: TELEVISION BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Office to explore the possibility of televising Board of Supervisors' meetings and bring a comprehensive report back to the Board for discussion and possible action at the first regular Board meeting in January 2005.

BACKGROUND:

In the interest of improving communications with constituents and the understanding of local government proceedings, a number of cities and counties throughout the State televise their meetings. While there are costs associated with the broadcasts, citizens have the important opportunity of watching their government in action. Issues of widespread interest can be observed by a wider audience than can be accommodated in the Board chambers. Also, reruns can also be played for the benefit of citizens who are unable to watch the original meetings.

The far-flung geography of Riverside County and the continued population growth make it more and more difficult for the Board to maintain contact with constituents. Televising Board meetings would enable County government to reach more residents.

The Board should look at the balanced report on this subject that includes all of the pros and cons associated with televising its meetings, including the costs and the extent of the success or failure of televised meetings in other localities.

Supervisor Ashley urges the Board to direct the Executive Office to explore the many aspects of televising Board meetings and report back to the Board with a comprehensive report at the first regular Board meeting in January 2005.


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