

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

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 12, 2004

SUBJECT: County Costs Related to Additional Court Officers

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board refer the review of county costs related to additional Court Officers to the Criminal Justice Planning Committee and report back to the Board in six months.

BACKGROUND: On September 14, 2004, Item Number 3.51, the Board adopted Resolution Number 2004-372, requesting that the state appropriate funding to add 41 Judicial Officers in Riverside County. In addition, the Board directed the Executive Office to review the potential cost impact of the additional Judicial Officers to the county criminal justice activities (District Attorney, Public Defender, Indigent Defense, and Probation), in the event that the state provides funding for these positions. According to the Judicial Council's updated Judicial Needs Study dated September 9, 2004, Riverside County will need 19 additional Judicial Officers, which will be phased-in over a three year period. If implemented this plan allocates seven Judicial Officers in FY05/06, and six each in FY06/07 and FY07/08. The county cost impacts for new Judicial Officers depends on the case assignments.

Departmental Concurrence

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 <input type="checkbox"/>
				Requires 4/5 Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

Gary M. Christmas

County Executive Office Signature

Dept's Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.51 9/14/2004

District: All

Agenda Number:

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BACKGROUND (continued):

For example, a majority of county related costs (District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Indigent Defense, etc.) are incurred in the criminal and juvenile court rooms, while some minor costs are incurred in the civil, family & other civil petitions, probate & mental health, and infractions. Therefore, without knowing where new Judicial Officer will be assigned, it is difficult to estimate all county related costs. The state is responsible for paying other court related costs including bailiff services provided through contract with the Sheriff's Department.

On today's Board agenda, the District Attorney has submitted for Board approval the establishment of the Criminal Justice Planning Committee to develop a strategy in addressing public safety issues in the next ten years. The Executive Office supports the establishment of this committee for the purpose of developing a long range strategy to include planning for county costs related to additional Court Officers.

Preliminary guidelines will identify direct and indirect county court related personnel to allow the Board to assess potential cost impact to the general fund. Although guideline development does not bind the Board to fund staff, it gives the Board a means to measure future financial impact.

Attachment 1 shows the total number of court officers for FY04/05 by location and case type assignment.

**Riverside County
Superior Court of California
Total Judges and Commissioners**

Attachment 1

Location	No. of Judges	No. of Commissioners	Total
Historic Court House	8	3	11
Riverside Hall of Justice	14	3	17
Riverside Family Law	2	2	4
Riverside Juvenile Court	2	2	4
Hemet Branch		1	1
Banning Branch	1	1	2
Temecula Branch		1	1
Southwest Branch	8	3	11
Blythe Branch	1		1
Indio Larson Justice Center	12	4	16
Presiding Judge	1		1
TOTAL	49	20	69

Assignment by Case Type

Total

Civil	15.23
Criminal	37.16
Family & Other Civil Petitions	8.13
Juvenile	7.00
Probate & Mental Health	2.44
Infractions	1.45
Total Court Officers includes visiting judges	71.40