

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Venable

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** November 29, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Allocation of Third District Developer Agreement Funds to the Winchester Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4379 for their Relocation and Building fund.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board join with me to:

- 1) Approve the use of \$229,000 of Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund No. 30558-1103500000 to give to the Winchester Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4379 for their Relocation and Building fund;
- 2) Direct the Executive Office to process payment of \$229,000 from Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund 30558-1103500000 to the Winchester Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4379.

**BACKGROUND:** The Winchester Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4379 (VFW) is a non-profit organization chartered in 1987, which currently has 255 members. They provide many services for their community such as; holiday meals for needy families, assistance with rescue of humans and animals during disasters, semi-annual diabetes fundraiser and poker ride, and in 2004 alone collected over \$17,000 to donate to the cancer fund. The Post also provides pallbearers upon request for any military funeral and a meeting place for the mourners, color bearers for community parades, POW/MIA ceremonies to commemorate those who made those sacrifices, and assistance for any veteran in dealing with the Veterans Administration. They work very closely with the school district to foster patriotism in the youth of today, and to continue the preservation of our American history.

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The VFW is located on Whittier Avenue in Winchester. A developer has purchased this property and they must move within a few months. They have an opportunity to locate on the existing site of the Patterson House Museum at Grand and Patterson Street in Winchester. They have signed an agreement with the Patterson House to locate a building on 1-1/2 acres of this site for 50 years with 10-year options. Locating on this site will benefit both the Patterson House and the VFW Hall. The VFW Hall will provide security for the Patterson House as it makes its own improvements and works towards preservation of this site for the community.

Winchester Valley, like all of Riverside County, is experiencing a tremendous growth, which has resulted in the need for the VFW Hall to find a new location. This same growth, however, is also bringing many new members to Post 4379. The allocation of these funds to the VFW will allow them to go through the County process and build a new facility at a new location. I urge the Board to join with me to support this request.