

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



FROM: Supervisor Ashley and Supervisor Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 14, 2005

SUBJECT: Criminal Justice Financing Options

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Join us and the Criminal Justice Planning Committee in identifying funding sources for our rapidly growing County's criminal justice needs;
- 2) Direct the Executive Office to retain appropriate consultants to formulate comprehensive options for a countywide(unincorporated and incorporated) financing plan; and
- 3) Solicit input from all potentially impacted stakeholders.

BACKGROUND: For the past few months we have been meeting with the Sheriff, District Attorney, Probation, Public Defender and Courts regarding the expanding needs of our County's Criminal Justice system. As a result of these meetings and other study it has become clear that a very aggressive approach needs to be taken to expand the number of facilities to serve our rapidly growing County. Riverside County's general approach to Capital Improvement Projects in its CIP Program is meritorious but will not provide the special focus or financing for rapid development that these Criminal Justice projects require.

Before proceeding further it seemed advisable to brief the Board of Supervisors on our progress and seek concurrence on what has clearly become a critical issue. It is our view that after examining several options that a comprehensive approach to quickly providing badly needed facilities such as jails and other Criminal Justice facilities to our residents will be important in maintaining the County's quality of life. The involved County departments have provided a list of facilities which we are now reviewing.

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