

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



FROM: Supervisors Ashley and Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 12, 2005

SUBJECT: Request that the State Legislature Require that County Auditor Controllers Adhere to State Guidelines and Prohibit Depositing Supplemental Taxes into the Teeter Fund

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors request that the Executive Office work with the state legislature for the passage of legislation that would require County Auditor Controllers to adhere to state guidelines and prohibit the depositing of supplementary taxes into the Teeter Fund.

BACKGROUND:

Recent difficulties with regard to the Riverside County Teeter Fund brought to light shortcomings in dealing with the management, stewardship and accountability of these funds.


Two major factors that contributed to this situation are:


1. the ability of an Auditor Controller to ignore state guidelines; and
2. depositing supplemental taxes into the Teeter Fund.

The state Controller provides comprehensive guidelines for county Auditor Controllers. The state legislature should require county Auditor Controllers to adhere to these guidelines to avoid confusion and distrust when policy questions arise.

When supplemental taxes are deposited into the Teeter Fund the apportionment of these funds is called into question and becomes a contentious process between the county and cities and special districts. This practice should be prohibited.

These two changes will improve the apportionment of the Teeter Fund and restore public faith in this process. We urge the Board to direct the Executive Office to contact local state legislators who would author legislation that would accomplish these goals.


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