

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



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione

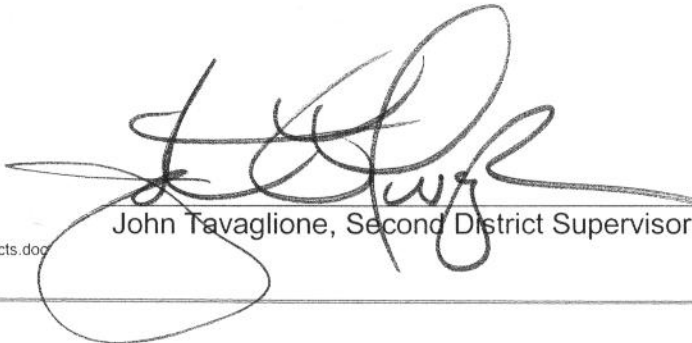
SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 29, 2005

SUBJECT: Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board:

- 1) Adopt a De Minimus Finding as follows: An Initial Study has been prepared by the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside for the project described in Environmental Assessment No. 2005-24 so as to evaluate the potential for adverse environmental impact; and, there is no evidence that the proposed project will have a potential adverse effect on wildlife resources;
- 2) Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 2005-24, based on the findings incorporated in the initial study and the conclusion that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
- 3) Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center; and
- 4) Authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Notice Inviting Bids for the Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center.

BACKGROUND: (Continued on Next Page)


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BACKGROUND: On January 6, 2004, the Agency entered into an agreement with the architectural firm, Interactive Design Corp to design the Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center. The design of the facility and plan check is now complete. The Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center will provide services for youth residing in the Jurupa/Rubidoux area, which will include a resource area where youth can obtain information about employment opportunities, job training options, community resources and a variety of youth center activities. Other amenities will include classroom space to conduct workshops, group activities, a computer lab, a basketball court, along with adequate office space for program staff members. The Agency has conducted an Initial Study as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the findings incorporated in the Initial Study, the Agency has concluded that a Mitigated Negative Declaration shall be adopted stating that the proposed project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

I recommend that the Board adopt a De Minimus Finding and the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project pursuant to the guidelines set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, approve the plans and specifications, authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Notice Inviting Bids so that the Agency may proceed with securing bids for the construction of the Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center.