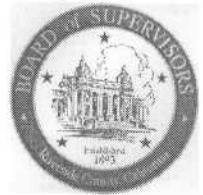


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Buster

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 17, 2006

SUBJECT: Increasing Poll Worker Pay

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board join me in; 1) Approving a \$25 increase in poll worker pay for the June 6th State Primary Election and all subsequent elections for both precinct workers and inspectors.

2) That the Board considers future pay increases annually based on Registrar of Voters recommendations.

GENERAL FUND COST: \$60,000 for this and future countywide elections, with lesser costs for local elections.

BACKGROUND: Raising poll worker pay is needed now, now not only to attract enough workers for the upcoming election and bring them back for future elections, but also because of the increasing complexity and responsibility of this vital work.

Poll worker pay has not increased since 1998, although \$20 was added recently to reimburse workers for the two hours of training needed before each election. Precinct workers currently receive \$65 and inspectors \$100. Workers spend a total of 16 hours preparing for and serving at polling locations.

2,400 poll workers are required for the June 6th Election. As of Wednesday May 17th the Registrar reports 539 slots still open for 490 precinct workers and 49 inspectors spread evenly across the county. Inspectors comprise about one-fourth of the 2,400 total positions.

A \$25 increase would advance Riverside's poll worker pay ahead of San Bernardino County's \$80 for precinct workers and \$100 for inspectors. It would also put Riverside County where it ought to be, in the higher echelon of poll worker pay statewide.

Registrar Barbara Dunmore supports this action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Buster".

Bob Buster
Supervisor, 1st District