

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



FROM: Supervisor Ashley and Supervisor Buster

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 21, 2006

SUBJECT: University of California Riverside Medical School Feasibility Study

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the use up to \$100,000 to fund a feasibility study for a University of California, Riverside medical school; and,
- 2) Delegate authority to the Economic Development Agency, in conjunction with the Riverside County Regional Medical Center, to contract for consulting services to conduct the study. If time constraints in the UC system approval require that the study move forward without competitive bids, EDA shall work with the Riverside County purchasing agent, who is authorized to contract on behalf of Riverside County in accordance with Ordinance 459.4.

BACKGROUND: The University of California, Riverside (UCR) has proposed a new school of medicine for its campus. This feasibility study, proposed for joint funding by the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, will examine issues that could impede Inland Empire residents' access to medical care in the future. Those issues include burgeoning population growth in the two counties, projected future physician shortfalls and the lack of specialized physicians. The County of San Bernardino has indicated a preliminary willingness to provide up to \$100,000 to conduct this study and will work with Riverside County to explore these and other issues. In addition to improving medical care, a medical school at UCR would present significant opportunities for economic development in the Inland region. Because of its expertise in the local economy, the Economic Development Agency is the appropriate entity to take the lead on Riverside County's portion of this endeavor. EDA will work directly with San Bernardino County representatives to coordinate and commission the study. The director of Riverside County Regional Medical Center will help develop the study and will play an integral role in any UCR planning process. EDA's budget will be adjusted in the first quarter report in FY 06/07 to fund the study. If funding for the study cannot be secured from San Bernardino County, this item will return to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for further consideration.

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Department Recommendation:

Per Executive Office:

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