

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



FROM: Supervisor Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 12, 2006

SUBJECT: Naming of the Rubidoux Family Care Center as the "Don Schroeder Family Care Center."

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors name the new Rubidoux Family Care Center the "Don Schroeder Family Care Center."

BACKGROUND: In June 2005, construction commenced on the Rubidoux Family Care Center and the grand opening and dedication will occur on January 17, 2007. The new 26,000 square foot clinic will serve the Rubidoux, Jurupa and Riverside areas, providing services such as primary and specialty medical care, traditional public health programs, including family planning, communicable disease services, HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, public health nursing, and adolescent health services. Services for Exclusive Care customers will also be provided, as well as an Exclusive Care pharmacy and dental clinic.

The naming of a county facility after former 2nd District Supervisor, Don Schroeder is long overdue and most appropriate.

Don has the distinction of having a most extensive early California heritage as the great-grandson of Cornelius Jensen, who in 1854, settled in our area and in 1865 built and lived on what is now known as the historic Jensen-Alvarado Ranch. The ranch – now under the control and operation of the Riverside County Regional Parks & Open Space District, has undergone extensive restoration and is visited annually by students and tour groups from throughout the Southern California region.

Born in Riverside, Don attended West Riverside Elementary School, Central Junior High School, Riverside Polytechnic High School, and Riverside Junior College. In 1948 he attended the Loyola University Law School in Los Angeles, transferring to the University of California, Los Angeles. During his first year at UCLA, Don was stricken with polio, wherein he then returned to the Jensen family ranch to work and recover. It was at this point in his life that he began his distinguished public service career.


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First serving as Deputy Constable for the West Riverside Judicial District, Don was subsequently elected judge of the renamed Jurupa Judicial District in 1958, serving four consecutive terms. In June of 1973, upon the death of 2nd District Supervisor, Paul Anderson, then Governor Ronald Reagan appointed Judge Schroeder to fill the vacant seat on the County Board of Supervisors, where he represented the 2nd District with distinction until 1983.

Upon vacating his seat, Supervisor Schroeder continued work in various public service activities, including a long career as a member of the Board of Directors of the Western Municipal Water District, where he held that seat until 2002.

Now, fully retired and still living in Rubidoux, Don and Carol, his wife of 51 years, enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren, while Don still finds time to enjoy the antique equipment he used to work on the historic Jensen-Alvarado Ranch.

The Rubidoux Family Care Center will provide a desperately needed service to the communities of Western Riverside County for decades into the future. Therefore, it is most fitting and appropriate to name the facility the Donald L. Schroeder Family Care Center – after a man who so proudly served the region with distinction and honor.