

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Tavaglione

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** October 2, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Exploration of Charter County Status

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors ask the Executive Office and County Counsel to explore the options available to the Board and citizens of Riverside County to achieve Charter County status, including advantages, disadvantages, legal process and timing, and report back to the Board within 90 days.

**BACKGROUND:** The recent challenge put before our Board relative to the appointment of Sheriff and limits placed upon the Board to conduct a special election, begs the question as to whether Riverside County should once again consider achieving Charter County Status. Said status could provide distinct benefits over those available under the current General Law system. Charter County Status may provide for better control and efficiencies over regulations, ordinances and the delivery of basic services the County is charged to provide to our citizens.

In the case of the recent appointment of our Sheriff, Riverside County's general law status and requirements to conform to State Government Code, prohibited us from calling for an immediate special election for the resigning Sheriff's successor. Provisions available under Charter County Status could have allowed us to move forward with an interim appointment followed by a special election, without having to obtain special State legislation.

The Board of Supervisors has considered Charter County Status in the past, proposed for study by Supervisor Buster in 1995, followed by a second initiative in 1998, subsequently put before the voters and failing at the polls on November 2, 1998. Time may now be appropriate to once again look at the advantages, disadvantages, legal process and timing of obtaining charter status, therefore, I am recommending a detailed review and analysis of the question.

  
John Tavaglione, Supervisor  
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