

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



FROM: Supervisor Roy Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE: September 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Initiative to Ensure a Local Voice in Federal Process

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board requests local delegation to seek local input into provisions of the federal financial market bail-out bill as:

BACKGROUND:

1. Riverside County has experienced the fourth largest foreclosure rate in the nation, and neighborhoods have become blighted and potential havens for criminal activity as a result.
2. As Congress continues to debate ways to assist financial markets with recovery from the unprecedented mortgage crisis, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors wants to ensure our locally elected Congressional delegations support legislation requiring the federal government to establish public-private partnerships with regional entities to solve the liquidity meltdown.
3. The securities the federal government would acquire are secured by mortgages on local property, so the Treasury's disposal of these properties and the management of these assets will have a fiscal impact on the U.S. taxpayer as well as localities, neighborhoods, and homeowners. Without local participation in this process, federal intervention could lead to the disposition of assets at levels far below market value.
4. Providing for regional public-private partnerships, however, would help retain the value of real estate assets, stabilize communities, and minimize the fiscal impact on the taxpayer.
5. Since local communities have a vested interest in the areas they serve, combining their dollars with federal funding through public-private partnerships would create the highest return on the investment of taxpayer dollars.
6. Local markets and governments are more knowledgeable about the issues, property values, and real estate in their regions and would play a critical role in ensuring the program's success and the secure investment of taxpayer dollars.
7. As Congress works on legislation to address the financial market crisis, federal lawmakers must consider proposals that would facilitate public-private partnerships when dispersing these assets to protect the economy, taxpayers, communities, and homeowners.



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