

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



FROM: Supervisor Roy Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE: October 14, 2008

SUBJECT: Official County Position on Propositions

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors collectively defer taking official positions on propositions.

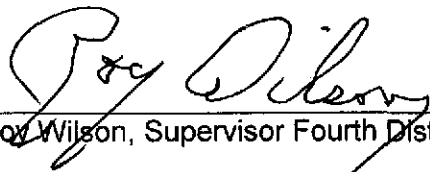
BACKGROUND: As the general election approaches in November, political advertising and campaigning is approaching a crescendo. At times, proponents as well as challengers in political campaigns ask Riverside County to take an official stance to endorse or oppose a proposition.

Each year, Riverside County develops a legislative platform that establishes official positions on bills and issues that are vital to the county and its residents. That annual platform continues to be the proper and most effective vehicle for Riverside County to use in stating and explaining official views and positions.

That practice is especially important this year because language in some propositions will dramatically affect the state's tenuous budget plans. Because the fiscal effects of many measures are still unclear, the Board of Supervisors could unintentionally cause the county significant financial harm by opposing or supporting a proposition.

In a healthy democracy, all people must have the freedom to voice differences of opinion about issues and politics. As Election Day nears, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors encourages all citizens to participate in the process and vote, but should collectively refrain from officially endorsing individual propositions.

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Roy Wilson, Supervisor Fourth District

Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office:

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