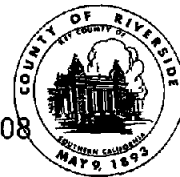


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor Jeff Stone

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** October 27, 2008

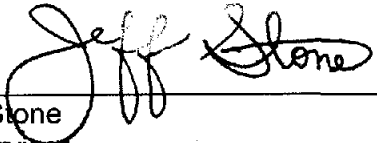
**SUBJECT:** Temecula Valley Unified School District Resolution #2008-09/09

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That the Board join with me in supporting TVUSD's Resolution #2008-09/09, "Support Emancipating Foster Youth".

**BACKGROUND:**

Temecula Valley Unified School District will join with the City of Temecula and the County of Riverside in forming an ad-hoc task force to report on current conditions of emancipating foster youth and develop recommendations for our role in better assisting these, our children, safely toward productive adulthood. (See Resolution #2008-09/09 Attached)

  
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Jeff Stone  
Supervisor  
Third District

JS:vc

Temecula Valley Unified School District

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-09/09

**"SUPPORT EMANCIPATING FOSTER YOUTH "**

**WHEREAS**, the Cities Counties and Schools Partnership 2007 Conditions of Children Task Force has called all California City Councils, County Boards of supervisors and School Boards to explore their role in addressing the needs of emancipating foster youth; and

**WHEREAS**, California has the largest number of children and youth in foster care of any state in the nation with approximately 83,000 children in care; and

**WHEREAS**, each year over 4, 000 of those youth emancipate from the system as they turn 18 years old, an increase of 38% since 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, foster youth enter the child welfare system through no fault of their own and become wards of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, we hold a shared responsibility to support safe passage of these youth into adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, the task force found unacceptable outcomes for emancipating youth in the areas of education, housing, employment, mental and physical health, and within the criminal justice system;

**WHEREAS**, only 40% of foster youth in California complete high school; and

**WHEREAS**, 70% of youth who emancipate from foster care report wanting to go to college, while on 10% attend and less than 1% graduate from college; and

**WHEREAS**, 65% of emancipating foster youth need immediate housing when they exit the system; and

**WHEREAS**, within 18 month of emancipation 40-50% of former foster youth become homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, 60% of former foster youth emancipate into destitution, earning incomes at or below \$6,000 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, 33% of all foster care alumni have no form of health insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 50% of foster children suffer from chronic health conditions such as asthma, visual and auditory problems, dental decay and malnutrition; and

**WHEREAS**, former foster youth experience Post Traumatic Stress disorder at a 2 times the level of US war veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, currently 25% of foster youth will be in prison within two years of emancipation; and

**WHEREAS**, these unacceptable and costly outcomes must be averted,

Temecula Valley Unified School District

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-09/09**

**"SUPPORT EMANCIPATING FOSTER YOUTH "**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Temecula Valley Unified School District that the District will join with the City of Temecula and the County of Riverside in forming an ad-hoc task force to report on current conditions of emancipating foster youth and develop recommendations for our role in better assisting these, our children, safely toward productive adulthood.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Temecula Valley Unified School District Board of Education this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Clerk of the Board of Education for the  
Temecula Valley Unified School District