

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



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione, 2nd District

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Budget Issues

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors, in light of current and pending global and local economic challenges,

- 1) Ratify the hiring cap and other budget strategies implemented by the CEO on all general fund, public safety, and internal service departments to protect core county functions, and
- 2) Reaffirm public safety as their highest priority, and
- 3) Direct the CEO to examine all departments, including public safety, for potential cost-saving measures, and to implement and report back to the Board regularly on the effectiveness of these strategies.

BACKGROUND:

As we enter the most unsettling economic times in recent memory, broad budget controls are necessary at every level of government. As we have seen in the past, actions at the State level are likely to have serious implications for this county's operations.

As the majority of the county's discretionary funds are currently directed toward public safety functions, those areas cannot be exempted from budget restrictions. However, it will and must remain our highest priority.



John Tavaglione, Supervisor
2nd District

Departmental Concurrence

Consent
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Dept's Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: all

Agenda Number:

3.65