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



**FROM:** Community Action Partnership of Riverside County

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
5/11/09

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of the Employees of the County of Riverside Volunteering in the 2009 Earned Income Tax Credit Program

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

Recognize and commend the twenty-eight (28) employees of the County of Riverside who on their own time volunteered over two thousand three hundred eleven (2,311) hours in the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP Riverside) Earned Income Tax Credit Program (EITC).

**BACKGROUND:**

The IRS estimates that 25% of California's eligible Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) funds go unclaimed each year. EITC is recognized nationally as one of the most effective means to move low-income people out of poverty. Since 2004, CAP Riverside has coordinated with the IRS to open Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites throughout Riverside County.

Each year, CAP Riverside recruits, trains and deploys volunteers to prepare tax returns at the VITA sites throughout the County of Riverside. This tax season, of the 157 individuals who volunteered over 10,600 hours, 28 were County of Riverside employees, who on their own time, provided 2,311 hours of service. These dedicated volunteers prepared over 1,933 returns, generating over \$2.4 million in tax refunds for the low-income residents of Riverside County.

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	NA
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NA
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	08/09

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: NA</b>	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE  
BY: *Debra Cournoyer*  
Debra Cournoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

- Dept. Recomm.  Consent
- Per Exec. Ofc.  Consent
- Policy
- Policy

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# ***Board of Supervisors***

## **PROCLAMATION**

**Honoring**

### **Riverside County Employee Volunteer Tax Preparers**

**May 1, 2009**

**WHEREAS**, Community Action Partnership of Riverside County has provided free income tax preparation services for low-income residents since 2004, and began with 10 sites in Riverside County; AND

**WHEREAS**, the number of sites has increased to 14 in 2009, and the tax preparation was done by 157 volunteers who donated 10,600 hours and electronically filed 1,933 returns; AND

**WHEREAS**, 28 of those volunteers were Riverside County employees, who volunteered on their Fridays off and Saturdays; AND

**WHEREAS**, those employees work for the following Departments: Public Social Services, Regional Medical Center, Public Health, Probation, Flood Control, Transportation, Executive Office and Community Action Partnership; AND

**WHEREAS**, Riverside County Employees gave 2,311 hours of time, which translates to a monetary value of \$43,377 based on an in-kind hourly rate of \$18.77; AND

**WHEREAS**, the result of all of the volunteer tax preparer's efforts was \$2,434,170 in tax dollars refunded to low-income residents, including \$1,046,095 in Earned Income Tax Credits which may not have been claimed without the help of our volunteers; AND

**WHEREAS**, volunteers contribute their many talents and energy, asking only for a smile and a thank you for their countless hours of service.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled, issue this proclamation in honor of those Riverside County Employees who went above and beyond their call of duty to work for low-income residents and secure needed tax refund dollars on their behalf, and proudly convey our sincere appreciation to our County Employee Volunteers for their dedication, selfless and compassionate efforts.