

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



FROM: Supervisor Bob Buster

SUBMITTAL DATE: September 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Access to Healthcare

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the presentation on *Access to Healthcare, Crisis in Riverside County* presented by Dr. Rebecca J. Patchin, M.D., Chair of the Coalition to Preserve Access to Care in Riverside County and Past President of the Riverside County Medical Association.

BACKGROUND: There is currently a huge need to increase Access to Healthcare in Riverside County. Riverside County does not have enough doctors or Federally Qualified Health centers to adequately care for its citizens. When looking at allocations per capita, Riverside County ranks second to last among California's 58 counties in state reimbursements for healthcare and emergency room services, meaning local hospitals and physicians are being shortchanged millions of dollars annually. The situation will not improve unless we recognize and understand the issue and develop solutions.

The Coalition for Access to Healthcare consists of healthcare leaders throughout the county that have come together to raise awareness of these issues and seek solutions that will improve the future of healthcare in Riverside County.

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