

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Andean Trade Preference Act Renewal

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1.) Support the two year renewal of the Andean Trade Preference Act;
- 2.) Authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer of the Economic Development Agency (EDA) and or the Managing Director of EDA, through the Commissioner of the Office of Foreign Trade/EDA, to convey the support of the Board of Supervisors to the Executive Office of the President of the United States, The United States Trade Representative, the Secretary of State, Secretary of Commerce, and members of the House and Senate of the Congress of the United States; and
- 3.) Authorize Board of Supervisors support to be conveyed to the President, Embassy, Ministries, Consulates, of all four nations, and the Organization of American States.

Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND: (Commences on Page 2)

Robert Field
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	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:	2009/10

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: NA

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY:
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

Policy Policy

Consent Consent

Dep't Recomm.: Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

3.14

BACKGROUND:

The Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA) was enacted by the United States of America, in December 1991, to help four Andean countries (Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia) expand their respective economies. The agreement was amended in 2002 and the formal title changed to the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act. Currently Riverside County companies and businesses, export manufactured goods and agricultural products to these four nations. We enjoy trade surplus in the region and the Office of The United States Trade representative, Executive Office of the President, has announced the 2009 Annual Review of ATPA. The 2009 Annual Review is the sixth such review to be conducted. After a review of documents submitted by the nations in question, it is clear that support for the two year renewal is in the best interest of the economic and public safety of the residents of the County of Riverside, State of California, and the United States of America. The agreements have been successful in the economic development arena creating new jobs in the United States and four nations, reducing the production and trafficking of illegal substances.