

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



FROM: Supervisor John J. Benoit

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Support of Senate Bill 848 (SB 848)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2011-120, in support of Senate Bill 848.
- 2) Direct the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this resolution to members of the California Senate Committee on Judiciary and Senator Bill Emmerson.

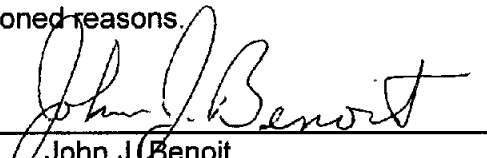
BACKGROUND:

SB 848 makes an important change in the organization of the Court of Appeals that will allow for greater efficiency in our court system.

Currently, the Court of Appeals is divided into six districts. The Fourth Appellate District consists of the counties of San Diego, Orange, Imperial, San Bernardino, Inyo and Riverside. SB 848 would create a Seventh Appellate District constituting the counties of San Bernardino, Inyo and Riverside.

Because the infrastructure (facilities, equipment and personnel) exists to support another appellate district, there will be no additional impact on the state's budget deficit. SB 848 would provide autonomy to the newly created district to manage its own budget priorities and internal operations. As Riverside and San Bernardino counties continue to grow, this reorganization would give the district greater control over local cases without being required to transfer those cases to other regions.

Resolution No. 2011-120 supports SB 848 for these aforementioned reasons.



John J. Benoit
Supervisor, 4th District

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-120**
3 **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**
4 **IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 848**

5 **WHEREAS**, currently, California's Court of Appeals is divided into six districts; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the Fourth Appellate District consists of the counties of San Diego,
8 Orange, Imperial, San Bernardino, Inyo and Riverside; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 848 (SB 848), authored by Senator Bill Emmerson, would
11 create a Seventh Appellate District constituting the counties of San Bernardino, Inyo
12 and Riverside; and

13 **WHEREAS**, SB 848 would provide autonomy to the newly created district to manage
14 its own budget priorities and internal operations; and

15 **WHEREAS**, as Riverside and San Bernardino counties continue to grow, this
16 reorganization would give the district greater control over local cases without being
17 required to transfer those cases to other regions; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the infrastructure (facilities, equipment and personnel) already exists to
19 support another appellate district, so there will be no additional impact on the state's
20 budget deficit if SB 848 is approved;

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Riverside County Board of
23 Supervisors does hereby support SB 848 for the important change in the organization
24 of the Court of Appeals that will allow for greater efficiency in our court system, and
25 that the Clerk of the Board transmit copies of this resolution to members of the
California Senate Committee on Judiciary and to Senator Emmerson.