

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Jeff Stone

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** May 17, 2011

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION # 2011-150 IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE POST OFFICE IN WINCHESTER, CALIFORNIA OPEN AND THAT IT REMAIN AT ITS CURRENT STATUS.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That the Board join me in adopting and supporting Resolution #2011-150.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Winchester Post Office was established in 1879. It has experienced steady growth and has expanded to meet the demand. Its resources and location not only benefit the immediate residents of Winchester but all of the unincorporated rural areas between Temecula and the San Jacinto Valleys.

If the Winchester Post Office is closed or even downsized, it would have a tremendous negative impact on the community, in addition to residents who have neither the means nor the way to access another location and would be personally affected by such a change.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Stone".

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Jeff Stone  
Supervisor  
Third District

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**RESOLUTION #2011-150**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE POST OFFICE IN WINCHESTER,  
CALIFORNIA OPEN AND THAT IT REMAIN AT ITS CURRENT STATUS**

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3 Whereas, the community of Winchester, California was settled in  
4 1879 with the first Post Office established in 1880, located in a  
5 rock house, one and one half miles northeast of town, a bustling  
6 stagecoach center and mail transfer point and was the only Post  
7 Office located between Temecula and San Jacinto for many years;  
8 and

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10 Whereas, Angelo Domenigoni was appointed as first Postmaster in  
11 1882, while the Post Office was still located in the Rock House,  
12 then in 1887 the Post Office was moved closer to the heart of the  
13 community, working out of the general store and by the 1990's was  
14 receiving mail by train from San Diego to Temecula by the  
15 Southern California Railway and over 20 Postmasters have served  
16 Winchester with many prominent citizens who helped shape  
17 Winchester among them; and

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19 Whereas, in 1967, with steady growth and the need for expansion,  
20 the first self-contained Post Office in Winchester was dedicated,  
21 then in 1985, a new larger Post Office was built on Winchester  
22 Road, which is the current location serving Winchester and the  
23 unincorporated rural areas between Temecula and the San Jacinto  
24 Valleys; and

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26 Whereas, the Winchester Post Office is one of the oldest  
27 established Post Office areas in Riverside County, growing from  
28 450 residents to 6,332 residents in 1990, from one mail route to  
eleven mail routes and from 5 employees to over 20 employees; and

Whereas, the Winchester Post Office has been a visible and  
respected federal presence at the very heart of this rural  
community for more than 130 years and has operated with fiscal  
prudence, always maintaining a positive cash flow; and

Whereas, the Winchester Post Office has been a source of pride, a  
focal point, and a part of the community's history, and a closure  
of this Post Office would have a tremendous negative impact on  
the community and its family, in addition to residents who have  
neither the means nor the way to access another location and  
would be personally affected by such a change;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Riverside County Board of  
Supervisors, supports the current status of the Winchester Post  
Office as it continues to be an important and necessary resource  
for the residents of Winchester, California and its surrounding  
communities.