

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



FROM: Supervisor Bob Buster

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 14, 2011

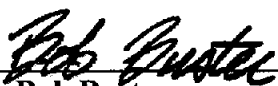
SUBJECT: **Prioritize the Development and Implementation of an Urgent Action Plan to Secure Ongoing State Funding for the UC Riverside School of Medicine to open in 2012**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Direct the Executive Office to make a priority, and coordinate with our state lobbyists, UCR Chancellor Timothy White, UCR School of Medicine Dean Richard Olds, present and former UC regents, the Riverside County Medical Association, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce and other appropriate stakeholders to develop and implement a 25-day action plan to gain a required ongoing annual state funding commitment for the UC Riverside School of Medicine.
- 2) Ask the Executive Office to provide regular progress updates of no less than once a week to the Board of Supervisors and,
- 3) Issue a resolution reiterating our support for the school's 2012 opening and the urgency of including provisions for funding of the school in the state budget annually.

BACKGROUND: The Liaison Committee on Medical Education on June 8, 2011 denied initial accreditation for the UC Riverside School of Medicine because of concerns that the state has not committed to provide ongoing funding for the school, which is prepared to receive its first residents in the summer of 2012. The School has been given 30 days to mount an appeal or face at least a year's delay opening. The success of the appeal will be contingent on whether state lawmakers will agree to make funding for the school an ongoing line item in the annual California budget.

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The UC Riverside School of Medicine would be the first public medical school to open in California in more than 40 years. The school will provide desperately needed physicians and healthcare services to the extremely diverse and economically disparate communities of the Inland region, which is suffering from a critical – in some communities less than third-world ratios – shortage of physicians and healthcare services. The School of Medicine has embraced the unique mission of integrating the recognized health needs of the region into its core curriculum and for training of residents throughout local hospitals and public health systems. In every healthcare benchmark from cardiopulmonary diseases to diabetes, Riverside County ranks in the bottom quartile for outcomes.

The Board of Supervisors has committed \$10 million to the UCR School of Medicine. The school is also widely regarded as an important, indeed crucial, catalyst to diversify the local job market in a severely depressed economy where unemployment is at 14 percent.

I request the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Office to prioritize the development and implementation of a 25-day action plan in cooperation with other stakeholders to secure an ongoing state commitment for funding of the UCR School of Medicine.