

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



**FROM:** Supervisor John J. Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
August 31, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Formal Support for the Establishment of the Four Winds Tribal Coalition Foreign Trade Zone

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Formally support the application of the Four Winds Tribal Coalition to the Foreign Trade Zone Board, United States Department of Commerce, for the establishment of a 3,541 acres plus an additional 1,000 acres of developable land contained within and around the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport, Foreign Trade Zone;
- 2) Direct the Economic Development Agency (EDA), to provide the coalition a one-time payment of \$15,000, payable at \$3,000 per year over the next five years, to the Four Winds Tribal Coalition, LLC in exchange for inclusion of the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport, in the proposed Foreign Trade Zone;
- 3) Direct our county legislative advocates in Washington, D.C., under the direction of the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA, Managing Director of EDA, and/or the County Commissioner of Foreign Trade/EDA, to advocate for the approval of the Four Winds Tribal Coalition Foreign Trade Zone in the Senate & Congress, the United States Department of Commerce, and within the Administration.

**BACKGROUND:** (Commences on Page 2)

  
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John J. Benoit, County Supervisor  
Representing the Fourth District

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**District:** 4

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Four Winds Tribal Coalition, comprised of federally recognized governments of the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, has worked diligently to improve economic development conditions and opportunities upon the lands governed by these tribes. This coalition has been actively pursuing the formation of a Foreign Trade Zone, comprised of approximately 4,500 acres. Over the course of the past year, my office and our Office of Foreign Trade / EDA, have worked closely with the elected leadership and staff of the coalition to reach an agreement on the establishment, boundaries, and support for the application for a new foreign trade zone designation. We have reached agreement that the new foreign trade zone operated by the coalition and an existing foreign trade zone operated by the City of Palm Springs can coexist and be of mutual benefit to the business community across the Fourth District. The tribal governments of the coalition have also agreed to support the expansion of the Palm Springs Foreign Trade Zone. All parties agree that all properties within the coalition foreign trade zone would be shown to prospective users whether the property was/is tribally owned or controlled by the county. I commend the Four Winds Tribal Coalition for the good faith efforts they have made to establish the coalition foreign trade zone with Riverside County.