

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Ashley & Supervisor Stone

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** November 11, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Expansion of Foreign Trade Zone 236 to include San Jacinto, Hemet, and Calimesa

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

1. The Commissioner of Office of Foreign Trade-EDA to advocate for the inclusion of the cities of San Jacinto, Hemet, and Calimesa into the expansion application of Foreign Trade Zone 236; and
2. Convey said support of the County of Riverside to the City of Palm Springs, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Foreign Trade Zone Board, and county advocates in Washington, D.C.

**BACKGROUND:**

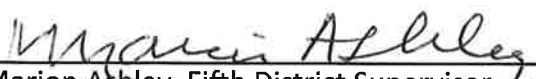
At the direction of the Board of Supervisors the EDA Office of Foreign Trade has taken the leadership role in the expansion of Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) across the county. Riverside County currently has four designated FTZ's and is cooperating to develop a fifth FTZ with the Four Winds Tribal Coalition.

On August 16, 2011, Supervisors unanimously approved Item 3.6 "Expansion of Foreign Trade Zone 236" (FTZ 236). At the time the county sought westward expansion of the FTZ 236 to include Cabazon and Banning.

Since that time leadership from the cities of San Jacinto, Hemet, and Calimesa have asked to be included in the expansion effort. This action recognizes that interest and directs the county team to formally advocate for inclusion. It is noted that the FTZ application is subject to the review of United States Department of Homeland Security and that their concurrence is required before any FTZ may be expanded or approved. Factors influencing the approval generally relate to the time and or distance a customs officer can travel from his/her fixed office.

No additional appropriation of funds is required to add the additional three jurisdictions to the expansion application.

  
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