

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



FROM: Supervisor John Benoit

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 4, 2012

SUBJECT: Supervisorial District Representation

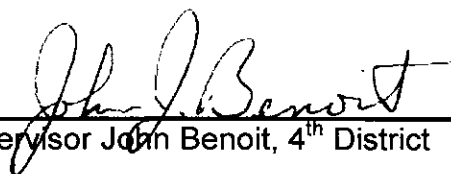
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Establish a formal agreement as to the representation of county areas per the new district boundaries, while still adhering to Elections Code 21506, and
- 2) Direct departments to use the new district boundaries on board submittals, other types of communications and in interactions with the Board of Supervisors, effective January 10, 2012.

BACKGROUND: On October 27, 2011, Ordinance 911: Establishing the Boundaries of Supervisorial Districts became effective. Elections Code section 21506 states in part: "The term of office of any supervisor who has been elected and whose term of office has not expired shall not be affected by any change in the boundaries of the district from which he or she was selected. At the first election for county supervisor in each county following adjustment of the boundaries of supervisorial districts, a supervisor shall be elected for each district under the readjusted district plan that has the same district number as a district whose incumbent's term is due to expire." This means that Supervisors will be elected according to the new boundaries and will assume these boundaries when they assume their new term. For District 1 and 3, the date is January 2013, and for Districts 2, 4, and 5 the date is January 2015.

Elections Counsel for the Secretary of State agrees with this interpretation, but also recognizes that this can create confusion along with dual representation and/or orphan communities. Elections Counsel also stated that elected officials often cooperate with each other concerning representation of constituents.

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In an effort to minimize this confusion, the Board of Supervisors will, from this day forward, observe the new district boundaries wherever legally possible. The Board's action today will formally make effective the new district boundaries for the purpose of representation of constituents. This does not include legal matters, such as recalls or special elections. This will lessen confusion with constituents and county staff.