

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Bob Buster  
& Supervisor John Tavaglione

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** April 26, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Opposition to proposed Senate & House Armed Services Committee Budget Cuts impacting the California National Guard (CNG)

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

- 1) The County Executive Officer to instruct the County legislative advocates in Washington, D.C. to express our opposition to what appear to be disproportional cuts to the California National Guard in the proposal Fiscal Year 2013 budget
- 2) That the County Executive Officer direct our legislative advocates in Sacramento to secure a resolution by our Senate and Assembly representatives expressing their opposition to the Fiscal Year 2013 proposed cuts
- 3) That the County Executive Officer use any and all available resources within the County team to work closely with our elected leaders in the Congress and Senate to ensure our representatives understand the impacts of the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget will have on the California National Guard in its dual responsibility as a national defense team member and a first responder to local emergencies here at home
- 4) That the County Executive Officer notify the California State Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties of the Board of Supervisors opposition to this budget and work to secure these advocacy groups opposition of the Fiscal year 2013 USAF proposed budget

**BACKGROUND:** The California National Guard is an essential part of our public safety, homeland security, and national security team. Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budgets under review by the Senate and House Armed Services Committees reduces defense spending in a disproportional manner for the California National Guard. This could result in the closure of California Air National Guard operation at March Air Reserve Base and, if not closure, significant reduction in force. The County of Riverside benefits greatly by having the National Guard presence at its current strength of 950 officers and air personnel. Cuts or the elimination of this unit is unacceptable and is a disservice to the citizen soldier and airmen of our state.

(Continue on page 2)

**Bob Buster, County Supervisor  
Representing the First District**

**John Tavaglione, County Supervisor  
Representing the Second District**

**Prev.Agn.ref.**

**Dist.**

**AGENDA NO.**

**3.43**

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

**SUBJECT:** Opposition to proposed Senate & House Armed Services Committee Budget Cuts impacting the California National Guard (CNG)

Page 2

**Background Continued:** These cuts further retard the chances of economic recovery for our region. The Air National Guard, specifically targeted in these cuts, provides unmatched pilot and maintenance capabilities that ensure fulltime readiness at part time costs. Specifically the California Air National Guard and our nations National Guard provides 35 percent of the Air Force mission and capability at **just 6 percent of the Air Force Budget.** The proposed FY 2013 Air Force budget would immediately reduce the Air Guard by some 5,500 highly skilled and combat ready personnel, and cancel or transfer 191 aircraft away from the Guard. These cuts mean the Air Guard in our nation and state take 6 times the personnel cuts of the Air Force, and bears fully 59 percent of the aircraft cuts. Many County residents and current and former county team members have served with the California Air and Army National guard members and we support our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coast guard members, and veterans.