

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



FROM: Supervisor John J. Benoit

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 25, 2012

SUBJECT: BROWN ACT SUSPENSION - Riverside County Response


RECOMMENDED MOTION: that the Board of Supervisors adopt a policy that the Board of Supervisors, and all Riverside County Brown Act agencies, continue to operate in conformance with the provisions of the Brown Act, regardless of the State's suspension of the Brown Act mandate.

BACKGROUND: Riverside County has long advocated for complete transparency in governance.

The State of California recently passed legislation in the budget process suspending the mandate for portions of the state law, commonly referred to as the Brown Act. The suspended mandate related to: (1) required notices and agendas and (2) closed session agendas and announcements.

This step was taken solely to allow the State to avoid their financial responsibility under state law relating to local mandates.

Riverside County Board of Supervisors and all Brown Act agencies of the County of Riverside should continue to operate in conformance with the provisions of the Brown Act, irrespective of action taken by the State to avoid their legal, financial obligations.



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