

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



FROM: Supervisor Ashley and Supervisor Stone
2012

SUBMITTAL DATE: October 1,

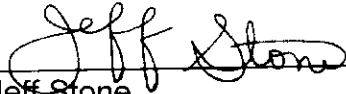
SUBJECT: Resolution of Support for Autism Playbooks.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve Resolution No 2012-225 in support of the Autism Task Force to distribute the Autism Playbook disseminating information to local communities with the goal of educating communities, helping determine how to match needs with existing resources and develop programs that focus on improving the lives of this special needs population.

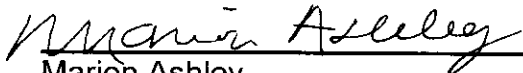
BACKGROUND:

The City of Temecula launched the Southwest California Autism Task Force in 2010 in an effort to educate the communities about this growing public health crisis. The Southwest California Autism Task Force consists of elected representatives from the County of Riverside and the Cities of Canyon Lake, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Temecula and Wildomar. This collaboration has resulted in an Autism Playbook which was drafted to assist communities in educating their citizens about this crisis as well as provide a framework for other communities to address the special needs of the autistic community in their area.

We urge the Board to adopt Resolution No. 2012-225, supporting dissemination of the Autism Playbook throughout the County



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AGENDA NO

3.31

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-225

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR TO SUPPORT THE
AUTISM PLAYBOOK, A PRODUCT OF THE AUTISM TASK FORCE TO
HELP ADDRESS THIS HEALTH CRISIS

WHEREAS, Autism occurs in all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups and is four times more likely to occur in boys than girls; and

WHEREAS, more autistic children than ever before are entering the school systems, utilizing recreational programs and entering the workforce; and

WHEREAS, more families have difficulty finding resources to assist them with their autistic children; and

WHEREAS, families are finding it difficult to participate in normal social activities because of their child's special needs; and

WHEREAS, in order for individuals with autism to be fully integrated into the community, businesses need to be educated about appropriate accommodations; and

WHEREAS, thousands of families have a child with autism who are reaching adulthood without resources to help them make that transition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Temecula launched the Southwest California Autism Task Force in 2010 with the intent of educating the community about the growing public health crisis surrounding autism;

WHEREAS, as the result of the work of the Southwest California Autism Task Force, an Autism Playbook has been drafted to assist communities in educating their citizens about this public health crisis and provides a framework to address the special needs of the autistic communities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors does hereby resolve to support and promote the use and dissemination of information in the Autism Playbook with the goal of educating communities, helping determine how to match needs with existing resources and how to develop programs that focus on improving the lives of this special need population