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



FROM: Supervisor Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: January 23, 2013

SUBJECT: Hospitality Ordinance

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors directs County Counsel to analyze the creation of a Hospitality Ordinance and, if feasible, introduce it for adoption.

BACKGROUND: The business of keeping a hospitality establishment is closely related to the health and welfare of the public. When an owner devotes private property to the public use s/he so devotes it bound with notice that it will be subject to public regulation, both as to its use and as to the compensation to be paid for it.

Thus, where property is devoted to the business of a hospitality establishment and is held out to the public as a place where transient persons will be received and entertained as guests for compensation, it is affected with a public interest and the business and use are subject to reasonable public regulation.

The regulation of hospitality establishments is a matter which is concerned with the health, morals, and welfare of the public, and where there are statutes providing for such regulation, one who conducts such an establishment accepts the duty of fulfilling the obligations imposed by the statutes.

With the escalation of human trafficking and prostitution in unincorporated areas of Riverside County, the creation of a Hospitality Ordinance could offer a tool for controlling these types of undesirable activities. This ordinance would include any hospitality establishment such as motels, hotels, bed and breakfasts, boarding houses, etc., and regulate the following issues:

Prohibit renting rooms on an hourly basis.
Renting rooms only once per night.
Prohibit knowingly renting rooms to prostitutes and/or their clients.

Jeff Stone, Third District Supervisor

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