

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



FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone &
Supervisor Marion Ashley


SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 23, 2014

SUBJECT: Authorization for the Establishment of the Commission on Defense and Military Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The Board of Supervisors directs:

1. That the County establish the Commission on Defense and Military Services; and
2. That the Commission be constituted no later than February 1, 2015; and
3. That the Commission meets at the call of its Chair at least four times per year or more often, as necessary.

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Jeff Stone, Chairman of the Board
Serving the 3rd District



Marion Ashley, Vice Chairman of the Board
Serving the 5th District

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BACKGROUND: It is the recommendation of our military consultants Pathway Strategies, based in Washington, D.C., that the Board of Supervisors appoints such a Commission consisting of former military personnel and or civilian Department of Defense leaders. The County Commissioner of Military & Defense Services concurs with this recommendation as does the County Executive Officer. The Commission shall lead the County effort in keeping all military installations in the County fully operational and fully equipped in time of war and military support of civil authorities. The Commission will serve as the focal point for defense and military policy for the Board of Supervisors. The Chair and Vice Chair of this Commission shall be veterans of the Armed Services of the United States or fifty states. The Commission shall have ten members, each serving a four year term, and additional terms are authorized.

Commissioners will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, two appointments from each district. Members of this body will be authorized to work with the Governor's Military Council, the Southwest Defense Alliance, Pathway Strategies, the Association of Defense Communities, our regional military installations, military service organizations, federal and state county lobby team members, community-based organizations, and our military leaders. Ex-officio members of this Commission shall be the Deputy County Executive Officer for Federal and State Legislative Affairs, Director of Veterans' Affairs, Director of Purchasing and Fleet Services, and the Managing Director of the Economic Development Agency. The Adjutant General of the California National Guard or his designee, the Commander of March Air Reserve Base, and the Commanding Officer of the Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona shall also be extended ex-officio membership.

Members of the Commission are authorized to travel to meetings within the state, with the approval of the County Executive Officer or the Chief Assistant CEO. No stipend is authorized; reimbursement for mileage and travel expense is permissible. Fees for membership and or attendance at conferences are also authorized. Estimated cost for this Commission shall not exceed \$20,000.00 annually. Commissioners shall have active, guard, reserve, or military or defense department civilian service or service in the defense industry. The Commission shall be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act and will sunset January 15, 2023. All meetings will be held at the County Seat in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.