

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

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FROM: Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 16, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval to exempt vehicles from identification under Board Policy D-8, "County Vehicle Identification" for the Department of Public Social Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors, exempt DPSS vehicles from identification pursuant to Board Policy D-8, "County Vehicle Identification" for a period of five (5) years (FY 13/14 – FY 17/18).

BACKGROUND:

Summary: DPSS Social Workers are often put into conditions where they are required to conduct home investigations or make field calls to a client's residence. At times the safety conditions involved in the investigation (substance abuse, criminal activity, domestic violence) combined with the presence of a marked county vehicle, may increase the risk to the investigating social worker by drawing unwanted attention to the county presence. Additionally, advertising our presence can discourage neighbors and other key parties from providing essential information for fear of being associated with the investigation. Board Policy D-8 requires a county seal on every county vehicle "except such units as may be exempted by the Board of Supervisors." In order to improve employee safety and gain better cooperation from clients and collateral contacts, we are seeking Board authorization to exempt DPSS vehicles pursuant to Board Policy D-8, which would eliminate the requirement to place a "County of Riverside" decal on new vehicles. As proposed, this recommendation would apply to new vehicle purchases over the next 5 (five) years.

Susan von Zabern

Susan von Zabern, Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal Funding: 0%	State Funding: 0%;	Budget Adjustment: No
County Funding: 0%;	Realignment Funding: 0%; Other Funding: 0%	For Fiscal Year: 13-14 – 17/18

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Jennifer L. Sargent*
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
DATE: 7/21/14
PAUL J EARLY
Departmental Concurrence

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.: none

District: All

Agenda Number:

3-18

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

SUBJECT: Approval to waive Board Policy D-8, "County Vehicle Identification" for the Department of Public Social Services

FORM 11: DATE: July 16, 2014

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

Social Workers perform an essential function to protect children or adults from abuse and neglect. Having the ability to remove the association of being a part of a government entity will assist with their investigation; resulting in improved child welfare and adult protection services to our citizens.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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Policy:

1. The official county seal which reads "County of Riverside" in decalcomania form, shall be placed on each and every piece of county vehicle, except such units as may be exempt by order of the Board of Supervisors.
2. Unmarked county vehicles are permitted to be used for investigative and collection work.
3. Unmarked county vehicles are permitted to be used by the Children's Services Division Adoptions staff in the Department of Public Social Services.
4. All cars assigned to the coroner are exempt from placement of the county emblem on the doors.
5. All other graphics must be reviewed by Purchasing and approved by the Board of Supervisors through the Form 11 process.

Reference:

Minute Order dated 09/12/55
Minute Order dated 03/28/72
Minute Order dated 05/29/67
Minute Order dated 01/31/66
Minute Order 3.17 of 02/03/87
Minute Order 3.3 of 04/10/07