

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



FROM: Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: 24 December 2014

SUBJECT: Work for Warriors Partnership- Military Department-State of California

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. Direct Assistant County Executive Officer- Human Resources to establish a partnership with the Military Department, State of California, with the Work For Warriors Partnership
2. Direct the Defense and Military Services Commission to support the efforts of "Work For Warrior Project" and promote the program in our county & 28 cities
3. Direct the Riverside County Office of Veterans Affairs & Veterans Advisory Committee to support the efforts of Work for Warrior Project and refer veterans to this program for possible employment
4. Direct the Assistant County Executive Officer-EDA and Workforce Development Board to support the efforts of Work For Warriors Project" and our partnership
5. Directs the County Deputy CEO for Federal & State Legislation to support the continuance of this program and its funding resources in the Congress of the United States and State Legislature

BACKGROUND: Work For Warriors was founded in 2012 by Congressman Paul Cook to meet the employment needs of California National Guard veterans returning from overseas or domestic active duty assignments in support of the Global War on Terror. At its inception the program was exclusively for members of the Military Department of the State of California and their dependents only. In 2013 Congressman Cook and Congressman Takano, in bi partisan fashion, worked to expand the program for all California Veterans of each branch of the Armed Services, including reserve components. To date this program has helped 3500 veterans and or their dependents secure employment. A Riverside County partnership with Work for Warriors Project, spearheaded by our Human Resources Department, Office of Veterans Affairs- Veteran Advisory Committee, Workforce Development Board, and our Commission on Defense and Military Services will ensure our veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom & Operation Enduring Freedom receive county support and assistance for returning to the workforce. This program provides resume development assistance, job placement, interview skill development training, job skills certification, and is completely funded by the federal government and this partnership is at no cost to the county general fund. The County CEO, County Commissioner of Military and Defense Services and the County Director of Veterans Services concur with this recommendation and fully support the development of this partnership. Our point of contact for this program and partnership will be 1st Lt. Christopher Freeman, HQ 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard. For more information please visit www.workforwarriors.org.


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Chairman of the Board