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



FROM: Supervisors Tavaglione and Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Federal and State Funding Formulas

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Direct the executive office to research and plan a symposium for the purpose of educating the public, community leaders and elected officials, about the effects of funding formulas used to determine the allocation of federal and state dollars to communities.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The federal and state governments distribute monies to local communities for various uses such as; transportation, law enforcement, housing, health care and numerous other public functions based on formulas and public policies.

Historically, regions in northern California have fared better then regions in southern California even though the population is greater in the southern half of the state.

Once a formula and policy is set for a specific program, it is very difficult to change the distribution of the money. It would be useful to better understand the science and methods that are used to make policy decisions regarding the formulas and distribution of public monies.

Therefore, staff will research the appropriate venue, guests and participants, to be involved with the public symposium. The goal of the discussion will be to understand how our region can influence the process in setting the formulas and policies for the distribution of public money.

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