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



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 2, 2015

SUBJECT: Support for Transfer of Surplus Military Facilities to Local Jurisdictions

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Directs the County Executive Officer:

1. To support the transfer of the National Guard Armory in Banning to the City of Banning;

2. To direct our federal and state lobby teams to inform our delegation of that support;

3. To support the recommendation of the National Defense & Military Services Commission; and

4. To advise the Adjutant General of the County support for transfer of the Armory to the City of Banning.

BACKGROUND: The Military Department of the State of California established the "Adopt an Armory" Program in 2004 to refurbish these military facilities using private sector funds and volunteers to restore these once proud facilities while their soldiers were away in support of The Global War on Terror. The Fourth and Fifth Districts supported these programs along with the Executive Office of the Sheriff and donated funds and county resources to assist in refurbishing this historic facilities for our troops. The Board of Supervisors and one county employee received Commendation Medals for this effort. The restorations generated national media coverage and were adopted as model programs by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. Presently Riverside County hosts four Armories within the county boundaries and a Readiness Center. Those Armories are in the cities of Banning, Corona, Riverside and Indio. The National Guard's Lt. General Herbert R. Temple Jr., Readiness Center is located in the City of Moreno Valley. These historic buildings may be disposed of by the Military Department and the State of California via the states GSA.

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BACKGROUND: (CONTINUED) We have received a recommendation from our National Defense & Military Services Commission to support the transfer of the Banning Armory to the City of Banning for use in public safety and community services programs. Additionally, it is also important to authorize the Executive Officer and the Chairman of the National Defense & Military Services Commission to advocate for the transfer of these facilities with our state and federal law makers. This effort is made in support of the Military Department and the soldiers of the California National Guard along with the City of Banning and other cities in the County that may wish to have a decommissioned or surplus Armory transferred to their care. The County reaffirms its support and admiration for the Adjutant General and California Military Department and wish to work with them to make this transfer possible.