

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



FROM: Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Requiring Video Access to Government Meetings Held in the CAC Board Room]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:
Direct the Executive Office to work with the Clerk of the Board to develop procedures requiring Brown Act organizations containing a Member or Members of the Board of Supervisors or their Appointees who wish to use the CAC Board Room to allow their meetings to be made available to the public online.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Public access to meetings of government bodies is required by State Law and is critical to having an informed electorate. Unfortunately, many of those meetings take place during the workday when it is difficult for residents to attend. The Board of Supervisors has tried to mitigate that difficulty by making its own Board meetings and workshops available to the public via live streaming online, as well as keeping archived videos of meetings available on the county's website.

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Supervisor, 1st District

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Budget Adjustment: n/a
	For Fiscal Year:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

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Departmental Concurrence

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BACKGROUND Continued:

The current county practice does not extend to every governmental agency/commission meeting in which Board Members or their appointees participate (e.g. WRCOG, RCTC, RCA, Planning Commission, etc), and many of those groups do not make their meetings publicly available on line. The Board of Supervisors has already invested in the necessary audio-visual equipment in the CAC Board Room to allow any group who utilizes those chambers to live stream their meetings without any additional staffing or hardware needs.

This proposal would require that within six months of passage of this proposal, any governmental agency or commission which is 1) Bound by the Brown Act, 2) Consists in whole or in part of members of the Board of Supervisors or their appointees, and 3) Wishes to use the CAC Board Room for their meetings, be requested to allow county staff make their meetings available online to the public as part of their agreement to use the chambers.

Because the equipment, staffing, and technology exists already in the Board Room, the only start-up cost to these agencies of this new requirement to begin broadcasting their meetings would be to modify their webpages to create a link to the videos of meetings. Any costs for streaming access to the network would be borne by the County as part of the operations costs of the Board Room itself.

Impact on Private Sector and Business

Increased access to public meetings of government agencies and commissions will improve transparency and make it easier for residents of Riverside County to be aware of government decisions and discussions.