

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, July 27, 2010, Julie Waltz spoke in opposition of Ordinance 884 and requested the Board to repeal the Ordinance.

**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.
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June 10, 2009

Members of the Committee
Joint Legislative Audit Committee
1020 N Street, Room 107
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senators and Assembly Members:

This letter is to request the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approve an audit of the Regional Center system that administers services for Californians with developmental disabilities. The Department of Developmental Services contracts with 21 private, non-profit corporations which procure services for people with disabilities who need to live more productive and independent lives. Given the painful budget reductions that the state has had to make to these vital services, it is more important than ever that the Legislature ensure that the resources allocated are maximized.

On June 10, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review held a hearing titled Regional Centers: Oversight and Accountability. The Committee heard allegations pertaining to Regional Centers giving preferential treatment to vendors related to Regional Center administrators, denying requests for operational and fiscal information, and Regional Centers retaliating in various ways against individuals who formalized complaints about these and other issues.

Committee staff has interacted with many individuals who brought forth allegations confidentially but were unwilling to do so publicly for fear of retribution. In addition to the personal experiences of these individuals with Regional Center retaliation, there seems to be systemic disincentive to report wrongdoing by Regional Centers.

The Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review has taken action to provide Whistleblower Protections to Regional Center employees, and to create confidential methods of reporting concerns pertaining to Regional Centers. Committee members felt that it was important to deal with outstanding allegations that may be properly addressed with an audit by the California State Auditor.

Specifically, we ask that an audit examine selected Regional Centers with respect to their internal controls, conflict of interest and lack of transparency in awarding of contracts, public access to information regarding the operations of Regional Centers and their

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Submitted by

Julie Walk

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expenditures of public funds. In addition, an audit should explore allegations of retaliation against service providers who question Regional Center decisions or make reports pertaining to these issues.

I respectfully submit this request on behalf of the 18 members of the Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review. Should you have any questions or would like additional information, do not hesitate to contact Nancy Chaires at (916) 319-3648. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hector De La Torre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hector" being the most prominent.

HECTOR DE LA TORRE, Chair
Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review

**Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Request to Speak**

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium),
Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject
Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: JULIE WALTZ

Address: _____
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: _____

Date: 7-27-10 **Agenda #** PUBLIC COMMENT

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:
_____ **Support** _____ **Oppose** _____ **Neutral**

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed
for "Appeal", please state separately your position on
the appeal below:

_____ **Support** _____ **Oppose** _____ **Neutral**

I give my 3 minutes to: _____

BOARD RULES

Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please insure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. **Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.**

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.