

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, May 3, 2011, Gary Grant spoke regarding communities of interest.

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**AGENDA NO.
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**Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Request to Speak**

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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: GARRY GRANT

Address: 27068 JARVIS ST.
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: PERRIS **Zip:** 92570

Phone #: 951-657-9319

Date: MAY 3RD 011 **Agenda #** PUBLIC Com.

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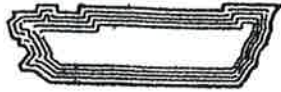
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RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY
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December 5, 1996 DEC 10 AM 7:03



**PROPERTY
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Mr. George J. Spiliotis
Executive Officer
Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission
1485 Spruce Street, No. J
Riverside, CA 92507

Re: COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

Dear Mr. Spiliotis:

This letter responds to your request for comments regarding unincorporated communities of interest.

As you know, our nonprofit Association represents owners of undeveloped land.

We feel that the semi-autonomous "communities" have become mechanisms for preserving the status quo. Despite the County's benign objectives, creating a community is seen too often simply as a way to stop development.

The program enables small groups of proponents not only to block annexations but also to control local land-use planning. Because these advocates seek mainly to protect "rural lifestyles", the principal effect is to perpetuate large-lot zoning.

This low-density zoning causes substantial economic harm. It makes attractive "planned" development infeasible financially, inhibits the county's economic growth, encourages the spread of poor-quality development through "four-by-fouring" (i.e., through lot splits and other low-cost land divisions), depresses land values and the public tax base, makes it impossible to finance needed public improvements, threatens investments in existing homes as well as in undeveloped land, and prevents cities from expanding.

Cities that become surrounded by these "communities" or other large-lot development are unable to grow. Because of the low densities, there is not enough tax and assessment base to support the cost of extending City roads and other public infrastructure into or through those areas.

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Submitted by Gary Cerant
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For these reasons, we ask that the program be terminated.
In our view, the concept serves no legitimate public purpose
and causes needless economic damage.

Sincerely,



James H. Forbes

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