

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



FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 17, 2011

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION # 2011-150 IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE POST OFFICE IN WINCHESTER, CALIFORNIA OPEN AND THAT IT REMAIN AT ITS CURRENT STATUS.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board join me in adopting and supporting Resolution #2011-150.

BACKGROUND:

The Winchester Post Office was established in 1879. It has experienced steady growth and has expanded to meet the demand. Its resources and location not only benefit the immediate residents of Winchester but all of the unincorporated rural areas between Temecula and the San Jacinto Valleys.

If the Winchester Post Office is closed or even downsized, it would have a tremendous negative impact on the community, in addition to residents who have neither the means nor the way to access another location and would be personally affected by such a change.

Jeff Stone
Supervisor
Third District

JS:vc

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 24, 2011
xc: Supvr. Stone

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By:
Deputy

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RESOLUTION #2011-150

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE POST OFFICE IN WINCHESTER,
CALIFORNIA OPEN AND THAT IT REMAIN AT ITS CURRENT STATUS

Whereas, the community of Winchester, California was settled in 1879 with the first Post Office established in 1880, located in a rock house, one and one half miles northeast of town, a bustling stagecoach center and mail transfer point and was the only Post Office located between Temecula and San Jacinto for many years; and

Whereas, Angelo Domenigoni was appointed as first Postmaster in 1882, while the Post Office was still located in the Rock House, then in 1887 the Post Office was moved closer to the heart of the community, working out of the general store and by the 1990's was receiving mail by train from San Diego to Temecula by the Southern California Railway and over 20 Postmasters have served Winchester with many prominent citizens who helped shape Winchester among them; and

Whereas, in 1967, with steady growth and the need for expansion, the first self-contained Post Office in Winchester was dedicated, then in 1985, a new larger Post Office was built on Winchester Road, which is the current location serving Winchester and the unincorporated rural areas between Temecula and the San Jacinto Valleys; and

Whereas, the Winchester Post Office is one of the oldest established Post Office areas in Riverside County, growing from 450 residents to 6,332 residents in 1990, from one mail route to eleven mail routes and from 5 employees to over 20 employees; and

Whereas, the Winchester Post Office has been a visible and respected federal presence at the very heart of this rural community for more than 130 years and has operated with fiscal prudence, always maintaining a positive cash flow; and

Whereas, the Winchester Post Office has been a source of pride, a focal point, and a part of the community's history, and a closure of this Post Office would have a tremendous negative impact on the community and its family, in addition to residents who have neither the means nor the way to access another location and would be personally affected by such a change;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, supports the current status of the Winchester Post Office as it continues to be an important and necessary resource for the residents of Winchester, California and its surrounding communities.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit, and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

KECIA HARPER-IHEM Clerk of said Board

By _____ Deputy