

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



**FROM:** Supervisor John J. Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** May 15, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 913.1 Amending Ordinance No. 913 Requiring Electronic Campaign Finance Disclosure.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Introduce and adopt in successive meetings Ordinance No. 913.1, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 913;
- 2) Find that the adoption of Ordinance No. 913.1 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment;
- 3) Direct the Clerk of the Board to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for posting.

**BACKGROUND:** The goal of the electronic reporting ordinance, Ordinance No. 913 was to supplement the Political Reform Act by requiring electronic reporting of contributions and expenditures regarding elections of candidates for county offices and passage of local ballot measures within the county. The purpose was to increase transparency and reduce expenses.


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JOHN J. BENOIT, Vice-Chairman of the Board

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: Tavaglione  
Date: May 15, 2012  
xc: Supvr. Benoit, COB, Recorder

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

**3.28**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

Re: Ordinance No. 913.1 Amending Ordinance No. 913 Requiring Electronic Campaign Finance Disclosure.

May 15, 2012

Following the adoption of Ordinance 913, it was discovered that language in Ordinance No. 913 exceeded state electronic reporting requirements. Ordinance No. 913 sets reporting thresholds for expenditures where the state does not set such thresholds. Additionally, Ordinance No. 913 requires individual donors or companies to become a committee and file semi-annual reports electronically once they give \$5,000 or more in a calendar year. These individuals and businesses would then have to continue filing even if they never gave another contribution.

Ordinance 913.1 amends Ordinance 913 to mirror the state electronic filing requirements by making the following changes:

1. Elimination of "Expenditure" to remove thresholds not required by the state.

2. Elimination of requiring individuals and businesses to form committees and file semi-annual reports once they make contributions exceeding \$5,000 as these contributions are already reported by the recipients.

Where Ordinance No. 913.1 amends a section by deleting, adding, or replacing language, only the specific section referenced in Ordinance No. 913.1 is being amended. Those sections not specifically referenced remain in effect.

Ordinance No. 913.1 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

Original Negative Declaration/Notice of Determination was routed to County Clerks for posting on.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: County of Riverside  
4080 Lemon Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

5-17-12  
Date

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To: X Office of the County Clerk & Recorder

**Project Title:** Ordinance No. 913.1, Amending Ordinance No. 913 Requiring Electronic Campaign Finance Disclosure

**Project Location:** Riverside County

**Project Description:** Ordinance No. 913.1

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Riverside

**Project Sponsor:** Supervisor John J. Benoit

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption:** (Sec. 15061(b)(3), 15060(c)(2))
- Statutory Exemption:**
- Other:**

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Ordinance No. 913.1 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) because the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Further, Ordinance No. 913.1 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed ordinance merely requires electronic reporting of contributions and expenditures in relation to elections of candidates for county offices and passage of local ballot measures within the county. This action will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, nor will it have a significant effect on the environment.

Board of Supervisors  
County Contact Person

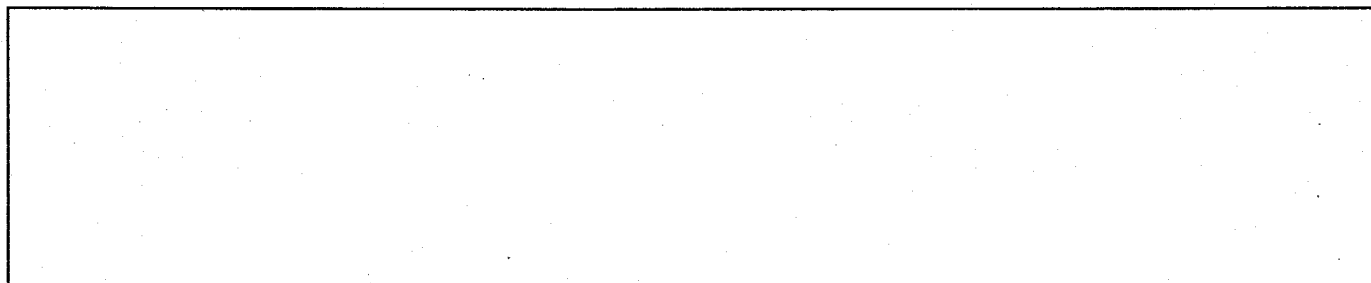
951-955-1069  
Phone Number

Signature: [Signature]

Title: Board Assistant

Date: 5-17-12

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**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:** Robert M. Moore

**Address:** 3086 Mibuel St  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** Riverside **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** 763-4858

**Date:** 5-15-12 **Agenda #** 3.28

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_