

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



FROM: Supervisor Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 20, 2013

SUBJECT: VETERAN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION ENCOMPASSING RIVERSIDE COUNTY (V.A.L.E.R.)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors direct the creation and implementation of VALER by establishing a sub-committee of the Board of Supervisors to formulate a "No Veteran Left Behind" strategy and program for Riverside County.

BACKGROUND:

In Riverside County it is estimated that 6,203 out of 2.3 million residents are homeless, and **890** of those homeless are Veterans.

Many of these veterans have completed high school and most have received an honorable discharge. A significant number of them have developed alcohol and/or drug problems. These heroes put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms and liberties that we all enjoy. This neglect of our military veterans, by the federal government, can no longer be condoned and the Board of Supervisors should provide assistance to correct this problem.

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JEFF STONE
Supervisor, Third District

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as amended to change V.A.L.E.R. to "Veterans Assistance Leadership of Riverside County" V.A.L.O.R, and IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the sub-committee incorporate an intervention program for veterans and the Executive Officer assign a Deputy Executive Officer to chair the committee.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 26, 2013
xc: Supvr. Stone, EO

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By:
Deputy

It is recommended that the Chairman select a sub-committee of the Board to act on behalf of the Board and in concert with the executive office to meet with the following department heads and agency representatives:

- a. Mental Health – Jerry Wengerd
- b. Department of Public Social Services – Susan Loew
- c. Public Health Agency – Susan Harrington
- d. Regional Medical Center - Doug Bagley
- e. Veterans Services – William Earle
- f. Riverside Transit Agency – Larry Rubio
- g. Economic Development Agency - Robert Field
- h. Workforce Development – Felicia Flournoy
- i. VA Hospital representative
- j. Congressional delegation representative
- k. US Senate representatives
- l. March Air Reserve Base
- m. Housing Authority
- n. Veteran's organizations/interest groups that desire to be of help

The goal of this subcommittee is to formulate a strategy that will ensure that every veteran who wishes to help themselves will receive the appropriate services to seek attention for both medical and mental health issues, workforce development training and job placement assistance, and affordable housing priority to end the travesty of being a homeless veteran in Riverside County within one year.

Known statistics:

1. The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs estimates that between 130,000 - 200,000 veterans are homeless on any given night.
2. 40% of homeless men are veterans although veterans compose 30% of the male population in the United States.
3. 45% suffer from mental illness
4. Mostly males although 4% of homeless veterans are women.
5. 23% of homeless population are veterans
 - a. 47% Vietnam Era
 - b. 17% post-Vietnam
 - c. 15% pre-Vietnam
 - d. 67% served three or more years
 - e. 33% stationed in war zone
 - f. 25% have used VA Homeless Services
 - g. 85% completed high school/GED, compared to 56% of non-veteran
 - h. 89% received Honorable Discharge
 - i. 79% reside in central cities
 - j. 16% reside in suburban areas
 - k. 5% reside in rural areas
 - l. 76% experience alcohol, drug, or mental health problems
 - m. 46% age 45 or older compared to 20% non-veterans.*

www.nationalhomeless.org

**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: REBECCA HUDWIG

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

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: 957-784-0118

Date: 3-26-13 **Agenda #:** 3-33

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.