

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



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FROM: DPSS/Riverside County Children & Families Commission

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Initiation of Ordinance No. 784.10, an Ordinance of the County of Riverside Amending Ordinance No. 784 to Authorize an Increase of Appointments to the Advisory Committee; [S0]: CEQA Exempt [Districts: All]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Introduce and adopt on successive weeks Ordinance No. 784.10, an amendment authorizing an elimination of the alternate commissioner role and an increase in the number of appointments to the advisory committee of the Riverside County Children & Families Commission, aka First 5 Riverside, (the "Commission"), and a modification to Commission term limits allowing eligibility for reappointment after a two year absence; and
2. Find that the adoption of Ordinance No. 784.10 is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

BACKGROUND: (Continued on page 2)

Susan von Zabern

Susan von Zabern, Director - DPSS

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy X
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Budget Adjustment: No	
				For Fiscal Year: 2013/14	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Jennifer L. Sargent*
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above ordinance is approved as introduced with waiver of reading.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Date: April 22, 2014
 xc: DPSS, COB

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board

By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

3-64

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: PATRICIA MUNROE
DATE: 4/10/14
Departmental Concurrence

A-30 Positions Added
4/5 Vote Change Order

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Commission was established by the adoption of Ordinance No. 784, to implement Health and Safety Code §§130100-130155 and the provisions of Proposition 10, which mandated early childhood development programs be funded by a tax on tobacco products. Pursuant to the Ordinance, a Commission of nine members and an advisory committee ("Advisory Committee") were established.

The current structure requires that each Commissioner have an assigned alternate, to prevent the probability of inaction due to a lack of a quorum as a result of an absence or a declared conflict of interest. However, a review of past voting record indicates that alternates are rarely, if ever, needed for the purpose of creating a quorum. The alternate structure also requires that Commission alternates meet the same criteria and qualifications as Commissioners. Alternates are subject to the same meeting attendance requirements as Commissioners. Due to the infrequent need for alternates relative to voting, the Commission with the support of the Alternate Commissioners is recommending the elimination of the alternate commissioner role.

The Alternate Commissioners are also designated as Advisory Committee members, which will enable the Commission to continue to benefit from their expertise and make better use of their time. The Commission further recommended the expansion of the Advisory Committee to address the need for advisement and technical expertise in child health and education from ages 0 through 5. The recommendation is to have a 10-member Advisory Committee, with the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors each appointing two Advisory Committee members based on technical experience or expertise specific to children 0 through 5 years of age.

A second component to the proposed amendment addresses the issue that Commission members are now subject to a term limit of two 3-year terms. This change was to encourage fresh viewpoints to the Commission as well as having institutional knowledge and continuity. Because of the narrow focus of First 5 Riverside, potential candidates must have special knowledge or skills related to early childhood development. To lose a Commissioner after 6 years could potentially create a loss that is difficult to replace. The Commissioners volunteer their time and are not compensated for their services. The issue was discussed at length at the March 12, 2014 Commission meeting where the idea was proposed to keep the term limit intact, but allow a term-out Commission member to return after two years from the last date of service as a Commission member. The proposed amendment includes this change.

Ordinance No. 784.10 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 the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The County's approval of this proposed ordinance does not create any foreseeable physical change in the environment.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The proposed amendment will have an indirect but positive impact on residents who have, or local business that serve, children ages 0-5 through increased support and knowledge accessible to First 5 Riverside via the Advisory Committee or experienced Commission members.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

None.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

Not Applicable.

Attachment

Ordinance No. 784.10