

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



FROM: Supervisor John J. Benoit, District 4

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Oppose House Resolution No. 29 (California State Assembly) – Relative to outsourcing of public services.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Oppose House Resolution No. 29; which would place limits on outsourcing; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to send a letter in opposition to the bill's author, our local delegation and our legislative advocates;
3. Direct the Executive Office to engage our legislative advocates to monitor this issue on behalf of the County.

BACKGROUND:

The California State Assembly passed House Resolution No. 29 on April 3, 2014. While it does not carry with it the force of law, the legislature intends to use it to introduce legislation that could potentially have negative consequences for local governments if passed. The Assembly intends to restrict outsourcing, which could be infringe on local control and affect the County's ability to deliver services to the public.

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John J. Benoit

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Fourth Supervisorial District

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Tavaglione
Date: June 3, 2014
xc: Supvr. Benoit, E.O.

Kecja Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By *Kecja Harper-Ihem*
Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District:

Agenda Number:

3-85

Departmental Concurrence

Policy Policy
Consent Consent

Dept Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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This nonbinding resolution of the State Assembly expresses opposition to “outsourcing of public services and assets, which harms transparency, accountability, shared prosperity, and competition.” The resolution also supports “processes that give public service workers the opportunity to develop their own plan on how to deliver cost-effective, high-quality services.” The resolution references the Taxpayer Empowerment Agenda (TEA), a proposal by a group called “In the Public Interest,” which is a project of the national coalition known as the Partnership for Working Families. HR 29 is sponsored by the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.

TEA and HR 29 present a blanket one-size-fits-all understanding of government services being contracted to the private sector that does not fit the reality of several agencies, including the County and other special purpose entities. Much of the County’s work is performed by public employees, with some specialized work performed by the private sector. Existing law provides an adequate framework for what types of services can be contracted out, and any modifications to that framework should be carefully considered. Contracting out is often used to augment staff efforts to support program workloads, which do not appear permanent in nature.

TEA outlines a number of policies that County currently adheres to as part of its Best Practices including:

- Contracts audits and oversight;
- Language allowing the County to cancel contracts if the company does not meet expectations;
- Competitive bidding requirements and transparency for all contracts.