

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**2-0**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, December 2, 2014, Phyllis Minarcin spoke regarding Mead Valley senior lunches and a letter from Smooth Transition.

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**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.  
2-0**

Clerk's Copy

Letter to Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Meeting on December 2, 2014

My name is Phyllis Minarcin. I attend the Mead Valley Community Center Senior Lunch Program. I am here today to address the CEASE AND DESIST letter written by Smooth Transition, Inc. to Ms. Britt Holmstrom.

I was present when Ms. Holmstrom was handed a CEASE AND DESIST letter written and signed by Dr. Robin Goins-Cornell, president and executive director of Smooth Transition, Inc. The letter was handed to Ms. Holmstrom by Tony Davila, "administrator" for Smooth Transition Inc. and chairperson of the MAC Committee. The letter was not sequestered in an envelope. Ms. Holmstrom graciously received the letter while she sat with our group of five seniors at Monday's senior luncheon at the Mead Valley Community Center. Unfortunately, because of the manner in which this letter was given to Ms. Holmstrom several of the seniors at the table are now aware of the situation facing her.

Ms. Holmstrom is accused of defaming Smooth Transition Inc. in professionalism, performance, and service. However, if Smooth Transition Inc. receives county, federal and/or state funds or grants, the company and its employees are subject to public scrutiny and criticism. After all, our tax dollars are funding this program. Under the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment, we the people, the citizens, have the right to criticize government waste and lack of performance. This is not defamation--this is the exercise of our 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights.

To reiterate: it appears that Ms. Holmstrom is being accused of defamation when she is actually exercising her 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights. Is it your intention to deny her, and others who may find fault with Smooth Transition Inc., their 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights?

Submitted by Phyllis Minarcin  
12/2/14 (date) Item Public Comment

**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  
to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

**SPEAKER'S NAME:** Phyllis Minarcin

**Address:** 19351 Seaton Avenue  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** Perris **Zip:** 92570-9722

**Phone #:** 909-224-1881

**Date:** 12-2-2014 **Agenda #** Public Comment

**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.