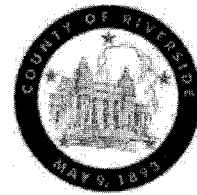


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM
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(ID # 3763)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

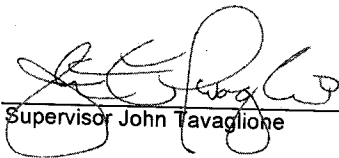
FROM : SUPERVISOR JOHN TAVAGLIONE AND SUPERVISOR MARION ASHLEY :

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR JOHN TAVAGLIONE AND SUPERVISOR MARION ASHLEY:
Naming of the East County Detention Center In Honor of Supervisor John J. Benoit [\$0]

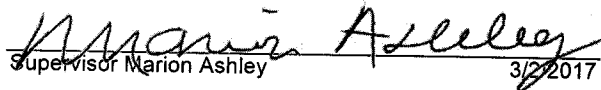
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the naming of the East County Detention Center in honor of Supervisor John J. Benoit.

ACTION: Consent, Policy


Supervisor John Tavaglione

3/2/2017

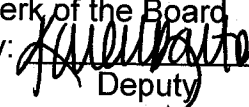

Supervisor Marion Ashley

3/2/2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 7, 2017
xc: Supvr. Tavaglione, Supvr. Ashley

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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BACKGROUND: Supervisor John J. Benoit represented the eastern two-thirds of Riverside County on the Board of Supervisors. Incorporating nearly 5,000 square miles, the 4th District stretches from Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs, south to the Salton Sea and east to Blythe and the Colorado River. John J. Benoit served as Riverside County's Fourth District Supervisor from 2009 to 2016. He was Chairman of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in 2013 and 2016.

John has a life story of exceptional service to the public. John is a veteran of 31 years in law enforcement, starting with the Corona Police Department. He attended the FBI National Academy and served as a volunteer fire captain with the Sunset-Whitney Fire Department. His 29 years with the California Highway Patrol took him up and down the state, working patrols in Los Angeles, Sacramento and Bakersfield. In 1988, he made the Coachella Valley his home when he was promoted to Commander of the California Highway Patrol's Indio Station.

Long active in community service organizations as past president of both the United Way of the Desert and Indio Rotary, John served on the Desert Sands School Board. Having retired from the Highway Patrol in 2001 and driven to make a positive impact and serve his community, he ran for the State Assembly in 2002. John served three full terms in the California State Assembly, representing the 64th District from 2002-08 and then representing the 37th District in the California State Senate in 2008-09.

As a state lawmaker, John was successful in having 40 pieces of legislation signed into law, including the landmark "Aryanna's Law" to protect children in daycare centers. He was known for his ability to reach across the aisle to improve public safety, transportation and education. He was awarded Legislator of the Year honors by the California School Boards Association, the School Transportation Coalition, the California Narcotics Officers' Association and the Chief Probation Officers of California.

Following the death of his friend and mentor, Supervisor Roy Wilson, John was appointed to the Board of Supervisors in 2009. He was re-elected to a second four-year term on June 3, 2014.

A graduate of Riverside's Notre Dame High School and Riverside City College, John received a bachelor's of science degree in public safety at Cal State Los Angeles and a master's degree in public administration at Cal State San Bernardino. Having participated in language immersion programs in Mexico and Costa Rica, his bilingual skills were invaluable to his work in Riverside County's largest and most diverse district.

Supervisor Benoit's exceptional service in law enforcement and in the communities as a public servant in higher offices will long be remembered and endeared. His commitment to public safety, its infrastructure, personnel and operations remained steadfast until his passing on December 26, 2016. In particular, his passionate support for the need and development of the

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East County Detention Center as part of the overall effort to support public safety in the county had been inspirational. Therefore, it is only fitting and proper that the facility be renamed in his honor. The Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Executive Office and the Economic Development Agency to name the facility the John J. Benoit Detention Center.

Clerk's Copy



March 7, 2017

Board of Supervisors
County of Riverside
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, California 92501

Dear Honorable Supervisors of the County of Riverside,

The City of Indio requests you strongly consider naming the new East County Detention Center (ECDC) after our late Fourth District Supervisor, John J. Benoit. Once completed, the ECDC will become one of the most iconic landmarks in our city and county. What better way to honor one of our greatest public servants who championed safety and development than by having this state-of-the-art facility bear his name.

In July 2015, Supervisor Benoit helped break the ground at the site of this \$330 million ECDC project in Indio. It was a homecoming for the 29-year law enforcement veteran who was once the commander of the California Highway Patrol's Indio Station. Supervisor Benoit then brought his commitment to serve and protect the Coachella Valley for the next 15 years as a Desert Sands Unified School District Board Member, State Assemblyman, State Senator, and Riverside County Board of Supervisor. The ECDC would be a constant reminder of Supervisor Benoit's career as a peace officer and public servant that could help inspire our youth and those housed in the facility to follow the right path. It would also bring the project to full circle as Supervisor Benoit was one of the first to put shovel to the ground and now we can lay the final brick in his name.

The support from the community to name the ECDC after Supervisor Benoit has also been overwhelming. As soon as Supervisor Benoit was laid to rest in December, residents and community leaders in the Coachella Valley approached me and my fellow councilmembers to name the building after him. Our standard reply was it is a county building and we would need the Board of Supervisors to make that decision. Even during a town hall meeting with nearly 200 Indio residents at the Heritage Palms Golf and Country Club last month, I was asked this same question and the crowd urged me to work with you to make this happen.

As the largest and fastest growing city in the Coachella Valley and as home to eastern Riverside County, Indio strongly recommends you name the ECDC after Supervisor Benoit and to grant us the great honor to remember his life and legacy forever in our great city.

Sincerely,

Elaine Holmes
Mayor
City of Indio, City of Festivals

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

SPEAKER'S NAME: BEN J. BENOET

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

City: WILPOOMA **Zip:** 92595

Phone #: _____

Date: 3/2/17 **Agenda #** 3.67

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

X **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.