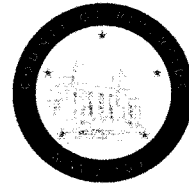


SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM
2.36
(ID # 4948)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Legislative Update: August 29, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and File the August 29 Legislative Update.

ACTION: Consent

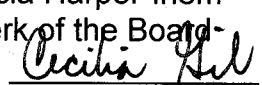

Brian Nestande 8/23/2017


Lisa D Brandl 8/23/2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried,
IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Tavaglione
Date: August 29, 2017
xc: EO

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost |
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| COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A | | | Budget Adjustment: N/A | |
| | | | For Fiscal Year: N/A | |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BACKGROUND:

Summary

As per Board Policy A-27, the purpose of Riverside County's Legislative Program is to secure legislation that benefits the county and its residents, and to oppose/amend legislation that might adversely affect the county. Recognizing the need for consistency in conveying official positions on legislative matters, the county has instituted a coordinated process involving interaction between the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Office, county agencies/departments, and the county's legislative advocates in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Letters of Support/Opposition

Since the last meeting of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, the following letters were delivered to our legislative delegation and all pertinent parties in order to voice Riverside County's Support/Opposition.

Legislation/Policy: AB 22 (Bonta) – Storing and Recording Electronic Media

Position: SUPPORT – Per Legislative Platform

Recipient: Assembly Member Rob Bonta

Summary: Would provide that a cloud computing storage service that provides administrative users with tools or controls to prevent stored records from being overwritten, deleted, or altered until the required retention period for the record has expired shall be considered a trusted system and would require a cloud computing storage service to comply with standards published by the International Organization for Standardization, or other applicable industry recognized standard relating to security techniques and information security management systems.

Legislation/Policy: AB 205 (Wood) – Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans

Position: SUPPORT: Per Legislative Platform

Recipient: Senator Ricardo Lara

Summary: This bill ensures the continuation of supplemental funding to public hospitals, which is worth \$1-1.5 billion statewide. As Riverside County currently operates a level 2 trauma center, Riverside County would qualify for the highest levels of supplemental payments available under this bill.

Legislation/Policy: AB 614 (Limón) – Area Agencies on Aging: Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia: Training and Services

Position: SUPPORT – Per Board Action

Recipient: Senator Ricardo Lara

Summary: Would require, until July 1, 2023, each area agency on aging to develop an evidence-based or evidence-informed core training program for staff relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and any additional training based on local needs. The bill would also require each agency to maintain an Alzheimer's and dementia specialist to provide information, assistance, referrals, and options counseling to families. If an agency

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lacks the capacity to maintain a specialist, the bill would authorize the agency to contract with a qualified local entity to provide these services, as specified.

██████████ AB 668 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2018

██████████ Support – Per Board Action

██████████ Senator Ricardo Lara

██████████ The Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002 authorizes the Voting Modernization Finance Committee to issue and sell bonds in the amount of \$200,000,000, as specified. Current law authorizes a county to apply to the Voting Modernization Board for money from the proceeds of the sale of bonds (1) to pay for or purchase new voting systems that are certified or conditionally approved by the Secretary of State, (2) to research and develop new voting systems, or (3) to manufacture the minimum number of voting system units reasonably necessary to test and seek certification or conditional approval of the voting system, or test and demonstrate the capabilities of a voting system in a pilot program. This bill would enact the Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2018 which, if approved, would authorize the issuance and sale of bonds in the amount of \$450,000,000, as specified, for similar purposes.

Legislation/Policy: AB 1200 (Cervantes): Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection Program

Position: SUPPORT – Per Board Action

Recipient: Senator Ricardo Lara

Summary: Would establish the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program, to be administered by the California Department of Aging, to provide information to consumers and their families on available long-term services and supports (LTSS) programs and to assist older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in accessing LTSS programs at the local level. The bill would require the department to establish the Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee as the primary adviser in the ongoing development and implementation of the ADRC program.

██████████ AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) - Counties: Contracts for Personal Services

██████████ OPPOSE – Per Legislative Platform

██████████ Senator Ricardo Lara

██████████ Would establish specific standards for the use of personal services contracts by counties. Beginning January 1, 2018, the bill would allow a county or county agency to contract for personal services currently or customarily performed by employees, as applicable, when specified conditions are met. Among other things, the bill would require the county to clearly demonstrate that the proposed contract will result in actual overall costs savings to the county and also to show that the contract does not cause the displacement of county workers. The bill would require a contract entered into under these provisions to specify that it may be terminated upon material breach, if notice is provided, as specified.

Legislation/Policy: AB 1401 (Maienschein): Juveniles: Protective Custody Warrant

Position: SUPPORT: Per Board Action

Recipient: Senator Ricardo Lara

Summary: Would authorize the court to issue a protective custody warrant, without filing a petition in the juvenile court alleging that the minor comes within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as a dependent, if there is probable cause to believe the minor comes within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as a dependent, there is a substantial danger to the safety or physical health of the child, and there are no reasonable means to protect the child's safety or physical health without removal.

Legislation/Policy: SB 171 (Hernandez) – Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans

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Position: SUPPORT: Per Legislative Platform

Recipient: Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher

Summary: This bill ensures the continuation of supplemental funding to public hospitals, which is worth \$1-1.5 billion statewide. As Riverside County currently operates a level 2 trauma center, Riverside County would qualify for the highest levels of supplemental payments available under this bill.

Legislation/Policy: SB 249 (Allen): Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation

Position: Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher

Recipient: OPPOSE: Per Board Action

Summary: Would revise and recast various provisions of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003. The bill would expand the duties of the Division of Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation. The bill would require the division to take specified measures to protect natural and cultural resources within state vehicular recreation areas, including measures to mitigate harmful impacts to these areas and to protect them from off-highway vehicle recreation use, as specified.

██████████ SB 504 (Roth): Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone

██████████ SUPPORT: Per Legislative Platform

██████████ Senator Richard Roth

██████████ Would authorize a local government, as defined, to establish a Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone by preparing an EIR pursuant to CEQA and adopting a specific plan that is required to include text and a diagram or diagrams containing specified information. The bill would require a local government that proposes to adopt a Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone to hold public hearings on the specific plan. The bill would authorize a local government, after a specific plan is adopted and the zone is formed, to impose a specific plan fee upon all persons seeking governmental approvals within the zone.

██████████ SB 649 (Hueso) - Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

██████████ OPPOSE – Per Legislative Platform

██████████ Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher

██████████ Under current law, a wireless telecommunications collocation facility, as specified, is subject to a city or county discretionary permit and is required to comply with specified criteria, but a collocation facility, which is the placement or installation of wireless facilities, including antennas and related equipment, on or immediately adjacent to that wireless telecommunications collocation facility, is a permitted use not subject to a city or county discretionary permit. This bill would provide that a small cell is a permitted use, subject only to a specified permitting process adopted by a city or county, if the small cell meets specified requirements.

██████████ SCA 12 (Mendoza) - Counties: Governing Body: County Executive

██████████ OPPOSE – Per Legislative Platform

██████████ Senator Ricardo Lara

██████████ Would, commencing January 1, 2022, in a county that is found at a decennial United States census, beginning with the 2020 United States census, to have a population of more than 5,000,000, require, and deem any applicable law, including a county charter, to require, a governing body consisting of the greater of either 5 members or a sufficient number of members so as to ensure that each member represents a district containing a population equivalent to no more than 2 districts in the United States House of Representatives. The measure would require that the members of the governing body serve for a term of 4 years and limit election to the governing body to no more than 3 terms.

Legislative Status Update

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As per Board Policy A-27, amended on March 7, 2017: The Board shall receive a regular written report on the status of legislation that the Board has officially endorsed or opposed, to be included as part of the consent calendar.

State Issues

[REDACTED]

Federal Issues

[REDACTED]

Impact on Residents and Businesses

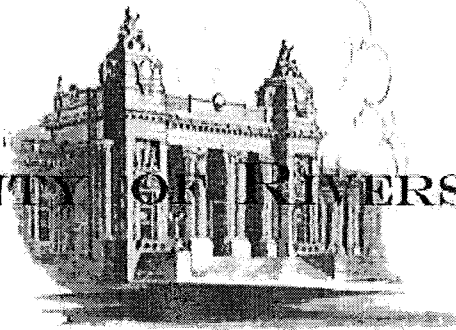
The action presented should not affect residents or businesses within Riverside County.

ATTACHMENT A. Legislative Letters Sent & Legislation

ATTACHMENT B. Legislative Letters Sent Fact Sheet

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May 18, 2017

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 205 (Wood) – Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans
As Amended May 2, 2017
Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Legislative Platform**

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher:

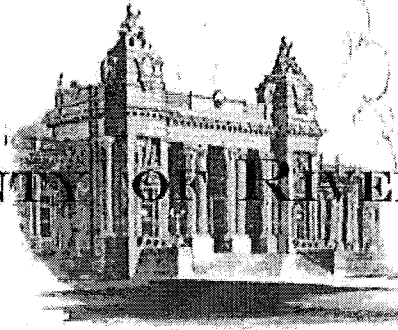
On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 205, Assembly Member Wood's measure which addresses the Medicaid supplemental payments changes required by the federal Medicaid Managed Care Rule.

In 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule to modernize Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) managed care, given the significant growth in the use of managed care nationwide. The final rule was sweeping, impacting issues such as how plans' rates are determined, grievance and appeals processes, alignment of quality objectives, and most importantly for public health care systems, it placed new restrictions on the ability of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to specify how managed care plans should pay certain essential providers. As a result, California must restructure an estimated \$1-1.5 billion annually in Medi-Cal managed care payments to public health care systems. These payments are crucial to helping Riverside University Health System cover uncompensated costs associated with caring for the uninsured and underinsured.

Riverside University Health System relies on these supplemental payments for two important reasons:

- 1) We serve a large number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries, but receive extremely low provider rates that alone are unsustainable; and
- 2) We also put up the match (or non-federal share) for Medi-Cal services in many instances, and often do not receive any payments from the state for our services.

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The federal Medicaid Managed Care Rule requires us to restructure these payments and we are working productively with the state, the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (CAHP) and the plans to come to an agreement. AB 205 contains important statutory changes to bring California into compliance with the Rule and enables supplemental payments to continue.

To continue supporting public health care systems at the same historical levels, payments that DHCS directs to managed care plans to make to these essential hospitals must meet one of the exceptions allowed by the final rule, which include models that support value-based purchasing, minimum fee schedules, or uniform increases above base payments. AB 205 contains two key elements. The first is a uniform percentage increase above base rates. The method would be applied uniformly within various "classes" of providers, which for public health care systems will include 3 classes, with the percentage increase varying by class: (1) Level I or II trauma centers, (2) University of California Medical Centers, and (3) all other public health care systems. Riverside University Health System Medical Center is a Level II adult and pediatric trauma center.

In addition, AB 205 includes a quality incentive program designed to align with national quality programs and managed care plan quality objectives, supporting the critical goals of promoting access and value-based payment in the managed care context while increasing the amount of funding tied to quality outcomes. All of the funding for the quality program will be based on the achievement of clinical metrics.

For these reasons, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors supports AB 205 and urges your 'aye' vote. If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact our Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110, bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,


John Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: County of Riverside Delegation
Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Lisa Murawski, Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Peter Anderson, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus



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April 26, 2017

The Honorable Jim Wood
Chair, Assembly Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 6005
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 205 (Wood) – Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans
As Amended April 19, 2017
Set for Hearing April 25, 2017: Assembly Health Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Legislative Platform**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

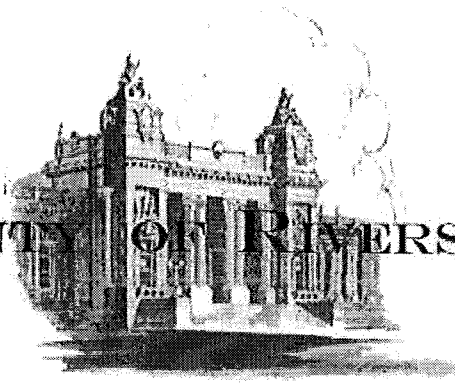
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For these reasons, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors supports AB 205 and urges your 'aye' vote. If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact our Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110, bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,

John Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: County of Riverside Delegation
Members, Assembly Health Committee
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June 20, 2017

The Honorable Ed Hernandez, Chair
Senate Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 614 (Limón) – Area Agencies on Aging: Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia: Training and Services
As amended May 26, 2017
Awaiting hearing in Senate Health Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Board Action

Dear Senator Hernandez:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for AB 614 by Assembly Member Monique Limón, which would – pending an appropriation – require each Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to maintain an Alzheimer's and dementia specialist to provide information, assistance, referrals, and options counseling to families.

Specifically, AB 614 would require each AAA to:

1. Maintain an Alzheimer's and dementia specialist to provide information, assistance, referrals, and options counseling to families.
2. Develop an evidence-based or evidence-informed core-training program relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia and any additional training based on local needs. This effort is to be undertaken in consultation with the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association or other community stakeholders with expertise in Alzheimer's research or care, including universities, caregiver organizations, and health care systems.

Further, if the AAA lacks the capacity to maintain an Alzheimer’s specialist, AB 614 would permit the AAA to contract with a qualified local entity to provide the service.

Like many places in the state, Riverside County is home to a growing aging population. We concur that resources to assist families with managing Alzheimer’s would provide much-needed guidance and support in our communities.



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For these reasons, we strongly support AB 614. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Monique Limón, California State Assembly
Members and Consultants, Senate Health Committee
County of Riverside Delegation



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June 20, 2017

The Honorable Mike McGuire, Chair
Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 668 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) – Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2018
As introduced May 2, 2017
Awaiting hearing in Senate Governance and Finance Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Board Action**

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of Assembly Bill 668 by Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, which would, if approved by voters, authorize the issuance and sale of \$450 million in general obligation bond funds for the purchase of specified voting equipment and related technology in California counties. The County of Riverside recognizes the significant need for investment in upgraded technology to conduct fair, accessible, and secure elections that meet the expectations and needs of California's voters.

California counties are responsible for administering federal, state, and local elections. While counties can bill other local governments for their proportional share of administering elections, the state and federal government typically do not pay for their proportional share of elections. The state has provided one-time funding in certain circumstances for elections costs; however, the state does not provide regular funding to counties for elections purposes. In fact, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), in a recent report discussing the roles and responsibilities of the state and counties in the administration of the elections system, suggested that the Legislature consider one-time support to help replace voting systems.

Additionally, the California Voters Choice Act (CVCA) – enacted in SB 450 (Ch. 832, Statutes 2016) – challenges counties to improve voter participation and outreach by (1) authorizing counties to conduct elections in which all voters are mailed ballots and (2) providing voters with the opportunity to vote on those ballots or to vote in person at a vote center for a period of 10 days leading up to election day. Fourteen specified counties are permitted to conduct elections under this system in 2018, while the remaining counties (including Riverside County) may use this system beginning in 2020. Participation in SB 450 will necessitate an upgraded voter system and modern technology to successfully advance the goals of CVCA; AB 668 would offer needed resources to achieve CVCA objectives.



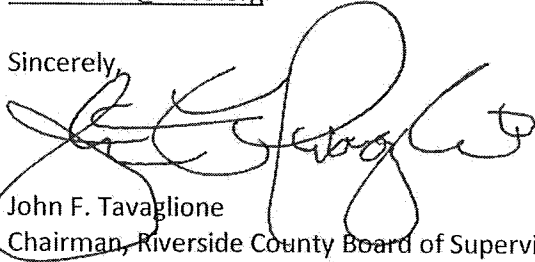
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For these reasons, we support AB 668. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, California State Assembly
Members and Consultants, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
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May 3, 2017

The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5164
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1200 (Cervantes): Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection Program
As introduced February 17, 2017
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Board Action**

Dear Assembly Member Cervantes:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for your AB 1200, which defines the Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection (ARDC) Program, outlines its purpose, establishes standards of operations, and requires the Department of Aging and the State Department of Health Care Services to explore reimbursement options.

The ADRC initiative focuses on delivering person-centered planning by improving access to long-term services and support (LTSS) so that an individual can receive the right services at the right time and in the right place. These programs provide objective information, advice, counseling and assistance, and ensure that individuals can make informed decisions about their services. ADRCs build on the strength of existing community agencies, such as Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and Independent Living Centers (ILC), to provide a single coordinated system of information and access for all persons seeking long-term services and support.

In 2003, the federal Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) started promoting the ADRC initiative to streamline access to long-term services and supports (LTSS) to assist older adults, persons with disabilities, families, and caregivers. Although federal and state agencies encourage local networks to collaborate on developing ADRCs, there is no statutory authority, thereby limiting the program to only seven sites throughout California, of which Riverside County is one.

The ADRC program needs and deserves the support of the Legislature to ensure that the program becomes an integral component of the long-term support and services delivery system.



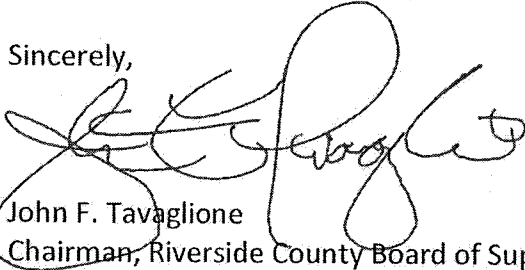
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For these reasons, we strongly support AB 1200. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,



John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Ash Kalra, Chair, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee
Members and Consultants, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee
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June 12, 2017

The Honorable Mike McGuire, Chair
Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer): Counties and Cities: Contracts for Personal Services
As proposed to be amended – Senate Governance and Finance Committee
County of Riverside: OPPOSE – Per Legislative Platform**

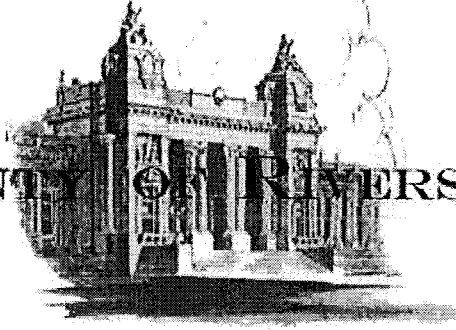
Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our opposition to AB 1250, by Assembly Member Reggie Jones-Sawyer, which would impose onerous standards for the use of personal services contracts by counties. AB 1250 would severely impact the County's ability to provide much-needed community services – health, mental health, and rehabilitative services to those in the court-involved population, to name a few – at a time when demand for such services is significant.

As just one example of the real-world impact of AB 1250, Riverside County is the recent recipient of a Proposition 47 recidivism reduction grant administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). The County, as an applicant entity, is required to pass through at least half of their grant amount to community-based service providers; additional preference points were given if the 50% threshold were exceeded. On June 8, the BSCC approved grant awards, including \$6 million for Riverside University Health System and Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH). RUHS-BH proposed two Integrated Care Behavioral Health Full Services Partnership (FSP) programs that will provide integrated mental health, substance use and primary care services in the Coachella Valley (Desert Region) and in the area of Perris/Moreno Valley in order to serve Western/Mid-County residents. The County's implementation efforts would be significantly delayed and constrained by the requirements in AB 1250.

Regrettably, there are numerous vague and burdensome provisions in AB 1250 that would hinder the County's ability to attract high quality contractors with the expertise necessary to provide specialized services that our communities expect and deserve. This aspect of the measure, coupled with the potential financial impact of AB 1250, has the potential to actually reduce county services, a consequence that the author and sponsors could not possibly intend.

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In summary, AB 1250 is detrimental to our considerable efforts toward improving the well-being of our communities. We value our public employees and work hard to strike a balance between contracted work and work performed in-house. AB 1250 upends that balance to the detriment of Riverside County and its residents. For these reasons, we are strongly opposed. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,

John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly
Members and Consultants, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
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June 6, 2017

The Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Human Services Committee
State Capitol, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1401 (Maienschein): Juveniles: Protective Custody Warrant
As Amended April 19, 2017
Set for Hearing June 13, 2017 in Senate Human Services Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Board Action**

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for AB 1401 by Assembly Member Maienschein. The measure would clarify that a court may issue a protective custody warrant for the protection of a child under specified circumstances when the child is not already the subject of a dependency petition.

Under existing law, the juvenile court is allowed to order removal of a child from his or her home when a petition is filed simultaneously or if social workers investigating child abuse and neglect find that there is imminent danger or bodily harm. There is some ambiguity in existing law regarding the issue of obtaining warrants without the filing of a petition. Some courts will issue warrants without a petition, because they believe that authority is inherent in their judicial powers to protect the interests of a minor. However, in some counties, judges will not do so without a warrant.

AB 1401 would clarify this ambiguity by allowing social workers, under certain circumstances, to seek a court order to remove a child without filing a petition while still retaining the judge's discretion as to whether a warrant is appropriate or needed as a precondition. This bill would provide an additional tool for social workers and help to protect vulnerable children.

For this reason, the County of Riverside supports AB 1401. If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact our Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110, bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,



John Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Brian Maienschein, Member, California State Assembly
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May 3, 2017

The Honorable Brian Maienschein
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4139
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1401 (Maienschein): Juveniles: Protective Custody Warrant
As Amended April 19, 2017
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Board Action**

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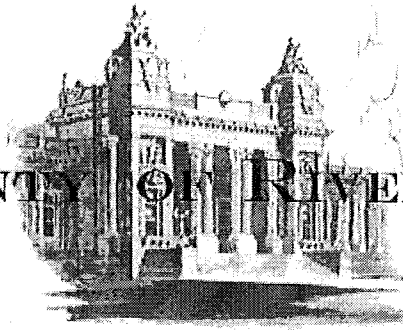
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May 18, 2017

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 171 (Hernandez) – Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans
As Amended May 2, 2017
Senate Appropriations Suspense File
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Legislative Platform**

Dear Senator Lara:

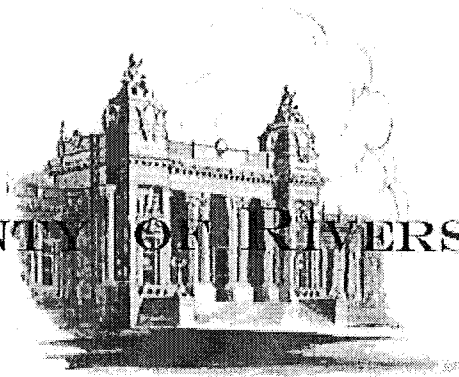
On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of SB 171, Senator Hernandez's measure that addresses the Medicaid supplemental payments changes required by the federal Medicaid Managed Care Rule.

In 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule to modernize Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) managed care, given the significant growth in the use of managed care nationwide. The final rule was sweeping, impacting issues such as how plans' rates are determined, grievance and appeals processes, alignment of quality objectives, and most importantly for public health care systems, it placed new restrictions on the ability of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to specify how managed care plans should pay certain essential providers. As a result, California must restructure an estimated \$1-1.5 billion annually in Medi-Cal managed care payments to public health care systems. These payments are crucial to helping Riverside University Health System cover uncompensated costs associated with caring for the uninsured and underinsured.

Riverside University Health System relies on these supplemental payments for two important reasons:

- 1) We serve a large number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries, but receive extremely low provider rates that alone are unsustainable; and
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To continue supporting public health care systems at the same historical levels, payments that DHCS directs to managed care plans to make to these essential hospitals must meet one of the exceptions allowed by the final rule, which include models that support value-based purchasing, minimum fee schedules, or uniform increases above base payments. SB 171 contains two key elements. The first is a uniform percentage increase above base rates. The method would be applied uniformly within various "classes" of providers, which for public health care systems will include 3 classes, with the percentage increase varying by class: (1) Level I or II trauma centers, (2) University of California Medical Centers, and (3) all other public health care systems. Riverside University Health System Medical Center is a Level II adult and pediatric trauma center.

In addition, SB 171 includes a quality incentive program designed to align with national quality programs and managed care plan quality objectives, supporting the critical goals of promoting access and value-based payment in the managed care context while increasing the amount of funding tied to quality outcomes. All of the funding for the quality program will be based on the achievement of clinical metrics.

For these reasons, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors supports SB 171 and urges your 'aye' vote. If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact our Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110, bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,

John Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

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April 26, 2017

The Honorable Ed Hernandez, OD
Chair, Senate Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 4070
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 171 (Hernandez) – Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans
As Amended April 19, 2017
Set for Hearing: April 26, 2017: Senate Health Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Legislative Platform**

Dear Senator Hernandez:

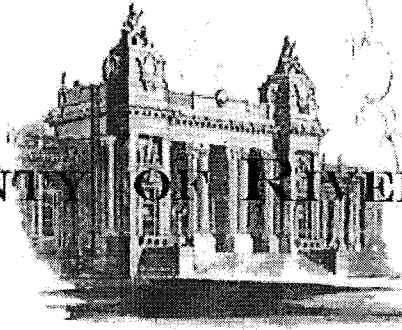
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April 26, 2017

The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 249 (Allen): Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation
As introduced February 7, 2017
Set for hearing May 1, 2017 – Senate Appropriations Committee
County of Riverside: OPPOSE – Per Board Action**

Dear Senator Lara:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our opposition to SB 249, Senator Ben Allen's measure that makes several changes to the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003. The County is concerned that these changes would undermine our efforts to develop and maintain responsible and legal off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation in our communities.

The current California Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation program stands as a national model that provides a statewide system of managed OHV recreation opportunities, together with a grants program, and a series of state vehicular recreation areas (SVRAs). Riverside County has a high concentration of OHV ownership; 124,346 total Off-Highway Vehicles are registered to residents of Riverside County. Our population growth has increased demands for all types of outdoor recreation, while development has reduced the amount of land available for OHV activity. High demand combined with a limited number of legal OHV facilities has resulted in a high incidence of illegal or unsanctioned OHV riding in the County. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department received an average of 2,500-service call regarding illegal OHV use since 2007.

The disparity between recreational demand and available OHV venues in Riverside County has made the establishment of an OHV facility on public lands in the region a priority. To that end, the County supports continuing the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003 as it currently exists to ensure that grant funding and state assistance continue to be available for this currently unmet need in Riverside County.



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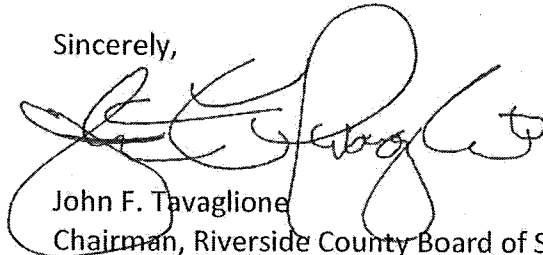
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We believe that SB 249 unreasonably limits development of SVRAs and inappropriately shifts funds currently utilized by the program to other, non-OHV-related activities. These and other changes contained in the bill have the potential to be detrimental to the future of the OHV program.

For these reasons, we are opposed to SB 249. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,



John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Ben Allen, California State Senate
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April 12, 2017

The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5072
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 249 (Allen): Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation
As introduced February 7, 2017
Set for hearing April 18, 2017 – Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
County of Riverside: OPPOSE – Per Board Action

Dear Senator Allen:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to regretfully oppose your SB 249, which makes several changes to the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003. The County is concerned that these changes would undermine our efforts to develop and maintain responsible and legal off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation in our communities.

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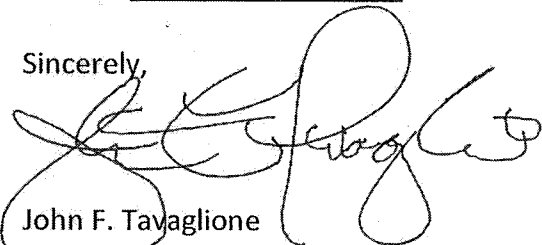
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Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Jim Beall, Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
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June 21, 2017

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair
Assembly Local Government Committee
State Capitol, Room 5144
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: SB 649 (Hueso): Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
As amended June 20, 2017
Set for hearing June 28, 2017 – Assembly Local Government Committee
County of Riverside: OPPOSE – Per Legislative Platform**

Dear Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to communicate our opposition to SB 649 by Senator Ben Hueso, a measure that seeks to prohibit the local consideration of certain impacts of “small cell” wireless communications facilities during the permitting process. The County is opposed to efforts to limit local control of siting of these wireless communication facilities.

SB 649 would tie the hands of cities and counties by prohibiting discretionary review of “small cell” wireless communications facilities, regardless of whether they are collocated on existing structures or located on new structures, including those within the public right of way. Essentially this would allow such facilities in all zones as a use by-right. Recent amendments fail to address the significant concerns that local governments have raised in previous debates on this measure; in fact, the County considers new language that prohibits regulation on the public right-of-way for communications facilities particularly objectionable.

The County is not opposed to the deployment of wireless communications facilities to ensure that our residents have access to telecommunications and improved technology services. However, we are mindful of our role to protect the safety and health of the public, as well as impacts to the environment and aesthetic view, that are inherent in the local planning process. SB 649 undermines those efforts unnecessarily. We respectfully suggest that telecommunications companies that wish to deploy small cells work with us to ensure our dual goals of quick approvals, that meet local public health and safety requirements, are reached successfully.



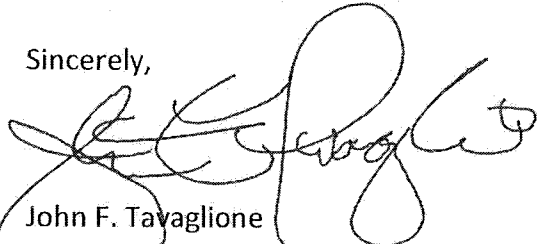
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For these reasons, we are opposed to SB 649. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Ben Hueso, California State Senate
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May 30, 2017

The Honorable Mike McGuire, Chair
Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SCA 12 (Mendoza) – Counties: Governing Body: County Executive
As Introduced April 27, 2017
Senate Governance and Finance Committee
County of Riverside: OPPOSE - Per Legislative Platform**

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to respectfully express our strong opposition to SCA 12, a measure by Senator Tony Mendoza that seeks voter approval to expand the number of supervisorial districts and to create a directly elected county executive officer in a county with a population of five million or more after the 2020 census. Currently, these provisions would only apply to the County of Los Angeles. While SCA 12 does not have an immediate impact on the County of Riverside, we are concerned about the setting of precedent by which the Legislature authorizes a statewide vote on matters that are explicitly local in nature. Our view is that decisions about the structure of county government should reside squarely with its residents, not voters in unaffected jurisdictions.

The County of Los Angeles is governed under a county charter, the contents of which are voter-approved. We understand that the County has considered both expansion of the board of supervisors and directly electing a county executive on numerous occasions over many years. In all instances, these efforts have failed. Regardless of the reasons for those failures, the question was properly posed to the appropriate electorate. The process for a charter amendment remains available to supporters of SCA 12 and should be utilized before seeking legislative approval for such an unconventional approach.

We have additional concerns about the concept of an elected chief executive officer for California counties. County chief executives currently provide important administrative functions to implement policies set forth by the board of supervisors; they are trained managers who operate in a non-partisan manner to administer a wide variety of programs and services to Californians. Simply substituting an appointed chief executive with an elected one will result in a scenario where political dynamics will likely take priority over expertise and doing so may not, in fact, result in improved results or performance.



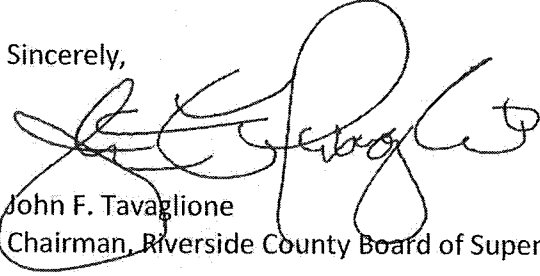
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For these reasons, we are gravely concerned about the near- and long-term implications of SCA 12. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,



John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

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