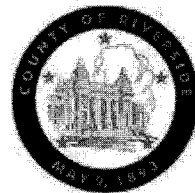


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM
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(ID # 6151)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

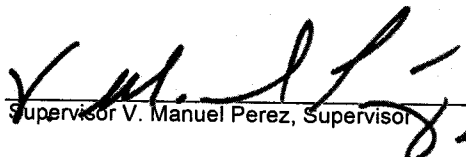
FROM : SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ: Amendment of County Policy C-11: Medal of Valor Award.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1.) Directs the County Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, & Assistant CEO-Human Resources, to create a Medal of Valor award for presentation by the Board of Supervisors
- 2.) Directs the Amendment of County Policy C-11, dated January 28, 1975, to reflect this new award category and establishes the Board of Supervisors as the awarding authority for the Riverside County Medal of Valor
- 3.) Directs that any private citizen, public employee, veteran, and member of the Armed Services of the Nation and/or State of California, may receive the Medal of Valor award for a conspicuous act of valor
- 4.) The Riverside County Medal of Valor, may be awarded posthumously and/or retroactively, to those approved for such honors by the Board of Supervisors
- 5.) The Riverside County Medal of Valor, shall be presented by the Board of Supervisors, in the name of the County of Riverside at a Board of Supervisors meeting, special meeting, or may be presented at another formal ceremony

ACTION: Policy


Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 1/16/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: January 23, 2018
xc: Fourth District, EO, HR

Kecja Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

FISCAL IMPACTS: It should be anticipated that each medal produced by qualified local vendor(s), identified by the County Purchasing Department, shall cost approximately \$250.00 to produce after initial cost of production. It is also anticipated that the initial order of the medal and presentation boxes, should not exceed twelve (12) in number.

BACKGROUND:

In 1975, the Board of Supervisors created its Distinguished Service Award. In general, the award is restricted to retiring department heads, elected officials, and judicial officers.

Establishing the Riverside County Medal of Valor, will help recognize any private citizen, public employee of the county, or any other public agency within the county. Individuals such as veterans, military personnel currently serving our nation in federal or state military service, and others deemed deserving. The medal shall be awarded to an individual who distinguishes herself or himself by valorous conduct at the risk of life.

The award is the highest honor the Board of Supervisors may bestow on an individual in the name of the County of Riverside. Sheriff's team members in Riverside County are eligible for a department level award by their respective appointed department head. Cal Fire team members may receive the State of California Medal of Valor if actions warrant.

Establishing the Riverside County Medal of Valor Award, recognizes the person or persons who voluntarily place their lives at risk, in an attempt to save the lives of others. Numerous legislative bodies in California, already present their own respective version of the Medal of Valor to private citizens, public employees, veterans, and members of the military of the United States and the State of California and others as actions warrant.

The medal should be attached to a neck ribbon as shown in the illustration below. The Assistant CEO-Human Resources shall maintain a sufficient supply of the award for future presentation.

Nomination for the Medal of Valor shall be processed by the County Human Resources Department. This department will establish a nomination process, nomination package, sample citation, and the Assistant CEO-Human Resources shall make recommendations for the award to the CEO or COO. Once approved by the CEO or COO, the Board shall consider the award on its agenda. If approved, a date, time and location will be established for presentation of the Medal of Valor.

This special recognition and honor is long overdue and I urge my colleagues to support the establishment of this prestigious award.

