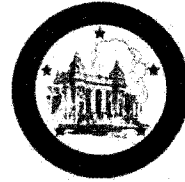


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
2.6
(ID # 6319)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Letters Sent to Riverside County's Legislative Delegation and Pertinent Parties from January 17, 2018 - January 29, 2018, All Districts [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the Legislative letters sent from January 17, 2018-January 29, 2018.

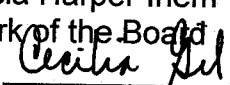
ACTION: Consent


Brian Nestande 1/29/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: February 6, 2018
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
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

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.

The Executive Office shall include a copy of the written correspondence that is not based on a specific Board vote as a consent item on the next Board agenda.

Summary

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: Federal Judgeships in Riverside County

Position: SUPPORT - Per Legislative Platform

Recipient: Congressmen Calvert, Takano, Ruiz, and Hunter

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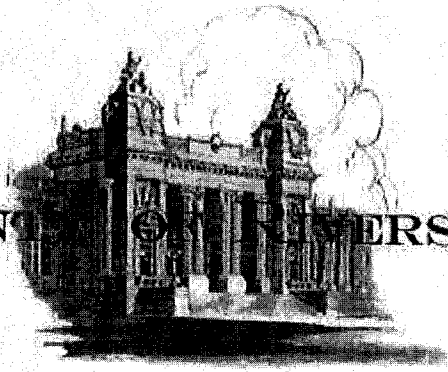
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January 25, 2018

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2205 Rayburn Building
U.S House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

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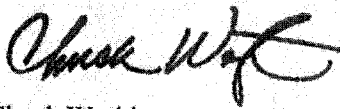
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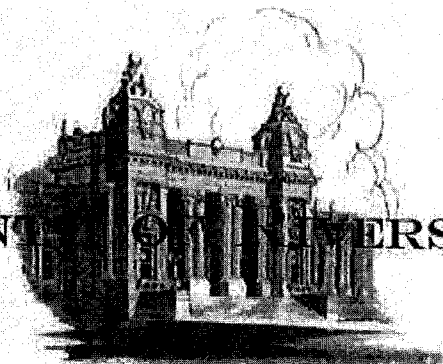
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2429 Rayburn House Office Bldg
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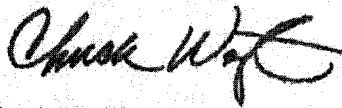
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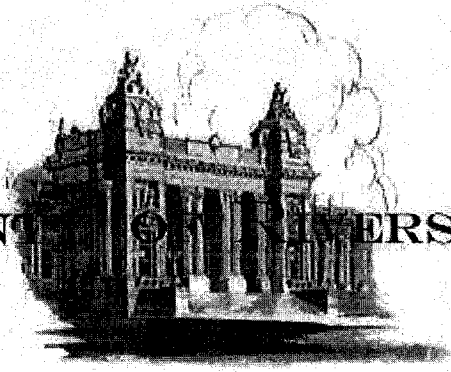
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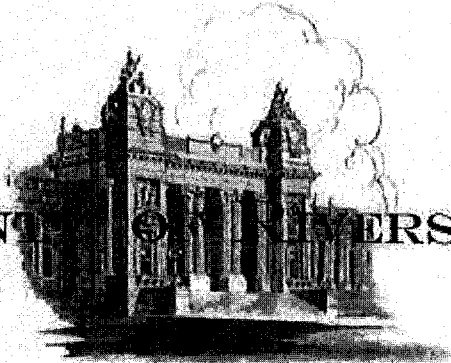
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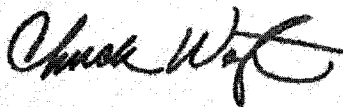
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