

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



ITEM
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(ID # 6601)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

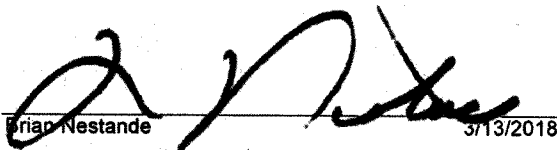
FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Letters Sent to Riverside County's Legislative Delegation and Pertinent Parties from March 6, 2018 - March 12, 2018, [All Districts] [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the Legislative letters sent from March 6, 2018 - March 12, 2018.

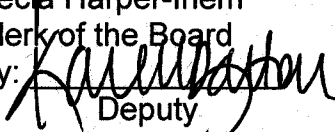
ACTION: Consent


Brian Nestande 3/13/2018

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, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 20, 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: Budget Item 0250 – Courthouse Construction Investment

Position: SUPPORT

Recipient: The Honorable Nancy Skinner & Shirley Weber

Summary: The Governor's 2018-19 budget proposal would restart the courthouse construction program in two important ways. First, the budget proposes a transfer of \$32.2 million from the Immediate and Critical Needs Account to complete the design of three courthouse projects, including the Mid-County courthouse in the County of Riverside.

The County supports the Governor's proposed action to resume the courthouse construction program. Moving forward with the two court facility construction projects in Riverside County will directly improve our constituents' access to justice and will better enable our county criminal justice partners' to fulfill core county responsibilities related to matters before the court.

Legislation/Policy: SB 1043 (Newman): Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans' services

Position: SUPPORT

Recipient: The Honorable Josh Newman, Chair

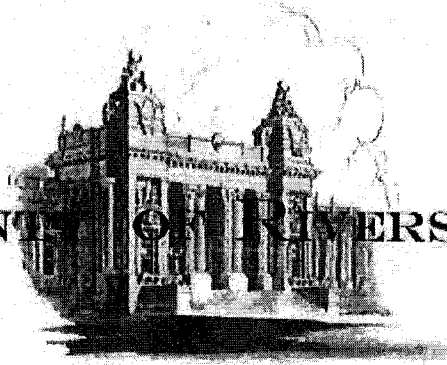
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Summary: SB 1043 will appropriate \$7 million to California counties to fund the activities of County Veterans Services Offices. SB 1043 will provide much-needed funding to County Veterans Services Offices to ensure that these offices have the necessary resources and support to accomplish their critical mission on behalf of California's veterans.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Governor's Budget Proposal Courthouse Construction Letters
- SB 1043 Letter

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March 6, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5
State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: Budget Item 0250 – Courthouse Construction Investment
County of Riverside: SUPPORT Governor's budget proposal

Dear Senator Skinner:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of the Governor's 2018-19 budget proposal relative to courthouse construction.

As the Governor's proposed budget acknowledges, the court capital outlay program has been stalled for a number of years, given that funding mechanisms intended to support the state's court facility construction program have been largely insufficient to meet ongoing needs. The Governor's 2018-19 budget proposal would restart the courthouse construction program in two important ways. First, the budget proposes a transfer of \$32.2 million from the Immediate and Critical Needs Account to complete the design of three courthouse projects, including the Mid-County courthouse in the County of Riverside. Additionally, the budget commits to completing construction in fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20 for the next ten courthouse projects ready to proceed. Specifically, lease revenue bonds would be dedicated to completing construction projects in nine different jurisdictions, including two in Riverside County – the Indio courthouse in 2018-19 and the Mid-County courthouse in the following fiscal year.

The County of Riverside and its communities benefit from a well-functioning court system, which encompasses safe, efficient, modern, and accessible court facilities. There are a number of critical county-centered criminal justice functions that contribute directly to the work of the trial courts. For these reasons, the County supports the Governor's proposed action to resume the courthouse construction program. Moving forward with the two court facility construction projects in Riverside County will directly improve our constituents' access to justice and will better enable our county criminal justice partners' to fulfill core county responsibilities related to matters before the court.

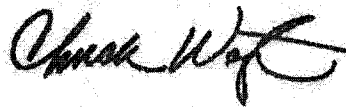
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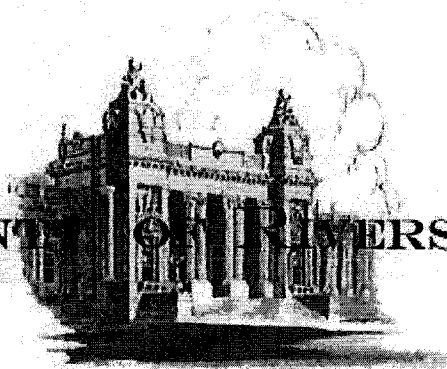
Sincerely,



Chuck Washington
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5
Riverside County Delegation

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The Honorable Shirley Weber
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5
State Capitol, Room 3123
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: Budget Item 0250 – Courthouse Construction Investment
County of Riverside: SUPPORT Governor's budget proposal

Dear Assembly Member Weber:

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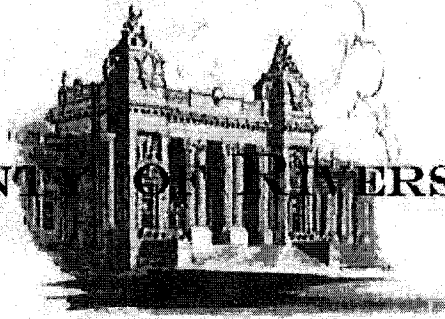
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March 12, 2018

The Honorable Josh Newman, Chair
Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1043 (Newman): Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans' services
As introduced 2/8/2018 – Awaiting hearing in Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT per Legislative Platform

Dear Senator Newman:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express the County's strong support for SB 1043, your measure that continuously appropriates \$7 million to California counties to fund the activities of County Veterans Services Offices. SB 1043 will provide much-needed funding to County Veterans Services Offices to ensure that these offices have the necessary resources and support to accomplish their critical mission on behalf of California's veterans.

Riverside County is the proud home of 132,228 veterans, according to the latest federal and state data. Riverside County has the third highest veteran population in the state and is the host of two major military installations, as well as various National Guard and federal and state reserve facilities and installations. The County takes our commitment to help veterans connect with the benefits they have earned through their service very seriously and believes additional resources will help us to improve and expand access to needed services and support.

SB 1043 is an important step towards meeting our joint commitment to California's veterans. Riverside County appreciates your efforts and is pleased to lend our support to this important measure. If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or at bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,

Chuck Washington
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
Riverside County Legislative Delegation