

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



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(ID # 7563)

**MEETING DATE:**

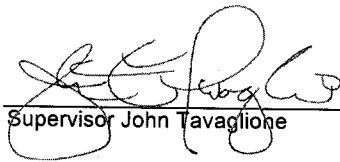
Tuesday, July 17, 2018

**FROM :** SUPERVISOR JOHN TAVAGLIONE:

**SUBJECT:** SUPERVISOR JOHN F. TAVAGLIONE: Adoption of Resolution No. 2018-144 in Support of Riverside City College's Appeal of the Decision by the California Community College Athletic Association to Remove it from the Orange Empire Conference.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2018-144 in support of Riverside City College's appeal of the decision by the California Community College Athletic Association to remove it from the Orange Empire Conference.

**ACTION:** Consent



Supervisor John Tavaglione

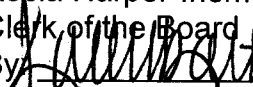
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione 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: July 17, 2018  
xc: Supvr. Tavaglione

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**BACKGROUND:** As part of its Re-Conferencing Initiative, the California Community College Athletic Association Board took action to remove Riverside City College from the Orange Empire Conference. Riverside City College is a Charter Member and has competed within the Orange Empire Conference for the past 31 years.

The Orange Empire Conference was established as a premiere intercollegiate athletic league at the community college level prior to the 1986-87 academic year, and has changed very little over the years; indeed, it still features many of the inaugural colleges. Most of the original colleges were members of the South Coast Conference prior to joining forces to establish the Orange Empire Conference. Cypress College, Orange Coast College, Rancho Santiago College (now Santa Ana College), Riverside City College, and Saddleback College were all founding members of the Orange Empire Conference, along with Citrus College.

The six-college conference remained intact for two years until the 1988-89 academic year, when some changes were made. Citrus left the Orange Empire Conference to join the Western State Conference, while Fullerton College and Golden West College were added to the Orange Empire Conference. These changes made sense as now all of the colleges in Orange County were a part of the Conference, along with Riverside City College, which had a comprehensive athletic program like most of those in Orange County. Irvine Valley College was added prior to the 1990-91 season, Santiago Canyon College was added prior to the 1999-2000 season, and Norco College was added prior to the 2013-14 season. Most recently, Copper Mountain College joined prior to the 2017-18 season, making the Orange Empire Conference an 11-college conference.

Year after year, the Orange Empire Conference is recognized as one of the top community college conferences in the state and in many instances, the nation. Since its inception, Orange Empire Conference teams have been dominant in sports such as baseball, cross country, soccer, softball, swimming, volleyball, and water polo, winning 268 state championships. Many Orange Empire Conference student-athletes successfully transfer to four-year universities, largely as a result of the experience and success they experience as competitors in the Orange Empire Conference.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with adoption of this resolution.

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-144

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
6 IN SUPPORT OF RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE'S APPEAL OF THE DECISION BY THE  
7 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
8 TO REMOVE RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE FROM THE ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE

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10 **WHEREAS**, Riverside City College (RCC), which was founded in 1916, has been a vital  
11 part of the Riverside community for over a century, and the community and its well-being are inextricably  
12 linked with that of its community college; and

13 **WHEREAS**, for the past 31 years RCC's athletic programs have participated as a charter  
14 member of the Orange Empire Conference, a conference composed of community colleges with well-  
15 balanced athletic teams and a level of competitiveness that produces significant interest in our community;  
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, many of the region's citizens have attended RCC and participated in various  
18 intercollegiate sports, with numerous student-athletes subsequently transferring to four-year universities;  
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, the California Community College Athletic Association is proceeding with a  
21 realignment that would result in RCC being forcibly removed from the Orange Empire Conference and  
22 compelled to join a new and less competitive conference, which would significantly disadvantage RCC  
23 student athletes in terms of media exposure, competitive opportunities, and appeal to major conferences  
24 such as the PAC-12, Big West, and Big 10; and

25 **WHEREAS**, demographically and culturally the greater Riverside region and RCC have  
26 more in common with large urban areas than with smaller cities, suburbs, and rural areas; and

27 **WHEREAS**, through a formal vote of the presidents representing California Community  
28 College Region 9 conducted on June 21, 2018, there is agreement at the college president level that RCC

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BY: GREGORY R. PRIAMOS

1 should remain in the Orange Empire Conference; and

2                   **WHEREAS**, despite the formal vote of the presidents representing California Community  
3 College Region 9, the California Community College Athletic Association Board took action to remove  
4 RCC from the Orange Empire Conference; and

5                   **WHEREAS**, RCC is appealing the California Community College Athletic Association's  
6 decision; and

7                   **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Riverside is committed to and  
8 supports having RCC remain in the Orange Empire Conference;

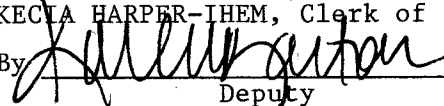
9                   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** by the  
10 Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ("Board"), in regular session assembled on July 17, 2018,  
11 in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors located on the First Floor of the County Administrative  
12 Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, that this Board:

- 13                   1.       Supports keeping RCC in the Orange Empire Conference;
- 14                   2.       Supports RCC's appeal of the decision by the California Community College  
15                   Athletic Association to remove RCC from the Orange Empire Conference;
- 16                   3.       Requests the California Community College Athletic Association decision be  
17                   reversed; and
- 18                   4.       Opposes any effort to realign the conference without the full concurrence of RCC's  
19                   Board of Trustees and Administration.

20 **ROLL CALL:**

21 **Ayes:**           Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley  
22 **Nays:**           None  
**Absent:**         None

23                   The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly  
24 adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

25                   KECIA HARPER-IHEM, Clerk of said Board  
26 By  \_\_\_\_\_  
27                   Deputy  
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