

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



**ITEM: 2.11  
(ID # 11357)**

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

**FROM :** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA) / WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT AND SUPERVISOR PEREZ :

**SUBJECT:** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA) / WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION AND SUPERVISOR PEREZ: Riverside County Workforce  
Development Board Appointment of Connie Golds; District 4; [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Appointment of Connie Golds to the Workforce Development Board.

**ACTION: Consent**

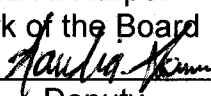
Robert Field, Assistant County Executive Officer/ECD 12/10/2019

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: January 28, 2020  
xc: EDA, Supvr. Jeffries, Board, Appointee, COB

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	2019/20

**Type of Nomination**

Private Sector Representative

**Member Name:**

Connie Golds  
Executive Director and Co-Founder,  
Desert Best Friends Closet

**Address:**

74-040 Highway 111, Suite F  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

**Telephone:**

(760) 776-9975

**Term of Appointment:** January 14, 2020 through January 13, 2022

**BACKGROUND:**

Riverside County Workforce Development Board (WDB) is a private sector led policy and oversight body that supports economic expansion and the development of the regional workforce. The WDB is governed by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) which mandates that more than 50% of the WDB's members must come from the business community. In addition, WDBs are required to have representation from universities or community colleges, economic development, and workforce representatives including labor organizations. This ensures that federal funds for workforce development activities are expended on training and career coaching that meets the needs of the business community. Pursuant to WIOA, the Board of Supervisors, led by the Board Chairman who serves as the Chief Local Elected Official, is responsible for appointing WDB members for two year terms.

Ms. Connie Golds, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Desert Best Friends Closet, started her career in education, teaching K-12 and later higher education including

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teaching, interpreting and tutoring for deaf students. She later co-founded Desert Best Friends Closet, a non-profit organization that works with job seekers to lower barriers to employment. Desert Best Friends Closet also operates a thriving thrift boutique. Ms. Golds is strongly involved with and committed to her community, especially charities that benefit youth and education. Ms. Golds serves on the Scholarship Committee of the Desert Community Foundation, is President of the Alliance of Career Development Nonprofits, and is a member of the Coachella Valley Probation Collaboration Advisor Committee. Desert Best Friends Closet and the WDB have collaborated together in the past. Their work strongly aligns with that of the WDB, as they both seek to facilitate success through employment opportunities and support economic development.

Ms. Connie Golds has expressed interest in serving on the WDB as Private Sector Representative for the Fourth District. If approved, she will serve a two year term, commencing January 14, 2020 through January 13, 2022.