

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



ITEM: 3.53  
(ID # 12121)


**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

**FROM :** SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES AND SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT :

**SUBJECT:** SUPERVISORS KEVIN JEFFRIES and SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT: Creation of Ad Hoc Committee to Research and Recommend Changes to the Planning and Permitting Process

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors: 1) Create an Ad Hoc Committee to Review and Possibly Recommend Changes to the Planning and Permitting Processes 2) Appoint Supervisors Jeffries and Hewitt as Members.

**ACTION:Policy**

  
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Supervisor 1st. District

3/5/2020

  
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt, Supervisor 5th District

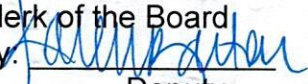
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Hewitt, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries 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: March 10, 2020  
xc: Supvr. Jeffries, Supvr. Hewitt

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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**Background:** With stringent environmental rules, safety standards, and liability exposure, planning and permitting processes in California are inherently complicated. Whether one tries to build a pool, a garage, a home, or a small business, there are a range of rules and permits that must be received.

These processes can be incredibly expensive and time consuming, particularly if they require an environmental impact report. But even for a constituent applying for a “non-discretionary” permit, the process can be overwhelming, especially if they do not have a professional consultant or contractor to assist them.

While many of these issues and complications are built into the system at the state or regional level, there are certainly ways to improve the process within Riverside County. This may include better coordination between the various county planning departments (Planning, Building and Safety, Transportation, Fire, Flood Control, Environmental Health, etc), better training of counter staff, resumption of an ombudsman program, expanding the use and functions of the County’s PLUS system, incorporating EDA’s Developer Concierge service model into the customer service TLMA staff should offer to every customer, or any of a number of other possibilities.

This item would ask that the Board designate Supervisors Jeffries and Hewitt to evaluate the existing systems and work with the various departments to identify potential improvements to the planning and permitting processes in Riverside County, and bring any necessary legislative or budgetary changes back to the Board of Supervisors. This would be a limited duration ad hoc committee that would expire upon completion of the review or at the end of the calendar year.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses:** Improving the planning and permitting processes in Riverside County would help reduce expenses and delays for both residents and businesses.



# Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Sonya Alendar

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda # 3.53

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\_\_\_\_\_ Support      \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose      \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: \_\_\_\_\_