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



ITEM: 3.22 (ID # 12803)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, June 09, 2020

FROM: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ: ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-162 TO

CONDEMN THE ACTIONS OF POLICE INVOLVED IN THE GEORGE FLOYD

MURDER

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Support and Adopt the Resolution to Condemn the Murder of George Floyd and Support Criminal Charges, Convictions and Sentencing Against All Four Police Officers Involved to the Full Extent of the Law

ACTION:Policy

pervisor V. Manuel Perez, Chairman 6/5/20

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes:

Jeffries, Washington and Perez

Nays:

Spiegel

Absent:

Hewitt

Date:

June 9, 2020

XC:

BOS-Dist. 4

Kecia R. Harper

Clerk of the Board

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:		Next Fiscal Year: To		otal Cost:	Ongoing Cost			
COST	\$	partial year	\$	full year	\$	(e.g. contract total)	\$ (e.g. Operations)		
NET COUNTY COST	\$	partial year	\$	full year	\$1	In dollars, no cents	\$ In dollars, no cents		
SOURCE OF FUNDS source (e.g. state grant, each.						Budget Adjust or No	- 1		
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C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The recent events across our nation have impacted many individuals but especially our African American community. We must stand together to eliminate racial injustice, discrimination, and condemn behavior that erodes our civil liberties. The Board of Supervisors, County Executive Officer and all Department Heads are committed to protecting the rights of all individuals in the county.

We condemn the action of the officers involved in the recent death of George Floyd. The behaviors exhibited by these officers should not be tolerated by any law enforcement or governmental agency. We stand united with individuals who are lawfully demonstrating and peacefully protesting the injustice and senseless killing of George Floyd and others. It is up to us, to be the change we want to see, to be part of the solution, and to work towards a better future for all.

County leadership is committed to ensuring that all employees and members of the public are treated fairly, equitably, and free from discrimination and social injustice.

We offer the attached resolution statement to strengthen community policing and trust among law enforcement officers and the communities they serve—especially in light of recent events around the country that have underscored the need for and importance of lasting collaborative relationships between local police and the public.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

There is no negative impact on businesses or the public.

Additional Fiscal Information

There will be no cost to the general fund.

ATTACHMENT. George Floyd Resolution

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

CONDEMNING THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD AND URGING CRIMINAL CHARGES,
CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING AGAINST ALL FOUR POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED
TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, an African American man died at the hands of four Minneapolis, Minnesota police officers; and

WHEREAS, this apparent unprovoked and intentional act of violence represents a blatant disregard for the dignity and sanctity of human life; and

WHEREAS, the actions of these four police officers do not represent the thousands of men and women that serve and protect their respective communities with the highest level of professionalism, but their actions do impact the relationships between those communities and their respective police departments; and

WHEREAS, there have been many other tragic deaths of innocent persons at the hands of police officers who use excessive force, including Breonna Taylor, Philando Castile, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, Sean Bell, Sandra Bland, Walter Scott and Oscar Grant, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, these acts of the intolerable violence and other similar acts that have occurred across the country in recent years are deplorable and unconscionable, and must serve as wake-up call to every human being that recognizes life as both a gift and human right; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, condemns the murder of George 06.09.2020 3.22

ROLL CALL:

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Floyd at the hands of the four Minneapolis, Minnesota police officers and urges criminal charges, convictions and sentencing against all four to the full extent of the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors joins with Americans all across our nation in expressing our condolences to the family of George Floyd and shares in the disbelief, sorrow, shame, and anger; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors joins the calls for systemic changes that address the decades of institutional racism and inequality across our nation that adversely impact communities of color; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors commits to our community that our county does not and will not tolerate, nor accept in any way, violent or disrespectful treatment of others that degrades dignity and disregards human life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors calls upon our communities and residents to join with us in committing to introspective evaluation of ourselves as public servants, community citizens and as brothers and sisters regarding this tragic event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors urges law enforcement leaders and other local governments to join us in denouncing the actions by the Minneapolis police officers and also review and reform their policies on the use of force, recruitment and officer training, including bias, de-escalation, language and cultural sensitivity, and mental health;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board transmit a copy of this resolution to the Minneapolis, Minnesota Mayor and City Council, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, California Governor Gavin Newsom, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, all mayors and city councils of Riverside County; and to the members of Riverside County's federal and state legislative delegations.

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2	Ayes:	Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
3	Nays:	None
4	Absent:	None
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7	Supervisors of	on the date therein set forth.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors supports the work of Libertarian Congressman Justin Amash (L. MI.) on H.R. 7085, Ending Qualified Immunity Act to eliminate qualified immunity and to restore Americans' ability to obtain relief when their constitutional rights are violated.

Submitted by Supermoir Hewitt 6-9-20 Item 3.22 (date)

(Original Signature of Member)

116TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R.

To amend the Revised Statutes to remove the defense of qualified immunity in the case of any action under section 1979, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AM	IASH introduc	ed the	following	bill;	which	was	referred	to	the	Committee
		on					1/5			

A BILL

To amend the Revised Statutes to remove the defense of qualified immunity in the case of any action under section 1979, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Ending Qualified Im-
- 5 munity Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) In 1871, Congress passed the Ku Klux
2 Klan Act to combat rampant violations of civil and
3 constitutionally secured rights across the nation,
4 particularly in the post-Civil War South.

- (2) Included in the act was a provision, now codified at section 1983 of title 42, United States Code, which provides a cause of action for individuals to file lawsuits against State and local officials who violate their legal and constitutionally secured rights.
- (3) Section 1983 has never included a defense or immunity for government officials who act in good faith when violating rights, nor has it ever had a defense or immunity based on whether the right was "clearly established" at the time of the violation.
- (4) From the law's beginning in 1871, through the 1960s, government actors were not afforded qualified immunity for violating rights.
- (5) In 1967, the Supreme Court in Pierson v. Ray, 386 U.S. 547, suddenly found that government actors had a good faith defense for making arrests under unconstitutional statutes based on a common law defense for the tort of false arrest.

- 1 (6) The Court later extended this beyond false 2 arrests, turning it into a general good faith defense 3 for government officials.
- 4 (7) Finally, in Harlow v. Fitzgerald, 457 U.S. 5 800 (1982), the Court found the subjective search 6 for good faith in the government actor unnecessary, 7 and replaced it with an "objective reasonableness" standard that requires that the right be "clearly es-8 tablished" at the time of the violation for the de-9 10 fendant to be liable.
- (8) This doctrine of qualified immunity has se-12 verely limited the ability of many plaintiffs to re-13 cover damages under section 1983 when their rights 14 have been violated by State and local officials. As a 15 result, the intent of Congress in passing the law has been frustrated, and Americans' rights secured by 16 17 the Constitution have not been appropriately pro-18 tected.

19 SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

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- 20 It is the sense of the Congress that we must correct
- the erroneous interpretation of section 1983 which pro-
- vides for qualified immunity, and reiterate the standard 22
- found on the face of the statute, which does not limit li-
- ability on the basis of the defendant's good faith beliefs

- 1 or on the basis that the right was not "clearly established"
- 2 at the time of the violation.

3 SEC. 4. REMOVAL OF QUALIFIED IMMUNITY.

- 4 Section 1979 of the Revised Statutes (42 U.S.C.
- 5 1983) is amended by adding at the end the following: "It
- 6 shall not be a defense or immunity to any action brought
- 7 under this section that the defendant was acting in good
- 8 faith, or that the defendant believed, reasonably or other-
- 9 wise, that his or her conduct was lawful at the time when
- 10 it was committed. Nor shall it be a defense or immunity
- 11 that the rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the
- 12 Constitution or laws were not clearly established at the
- 13 time of their deprivation by the defendant, or that the
- 14 state of the law was otherwise such that the defendant
- 15 could not reasonably have been expected to know whether
- 16 his or her conduct was lawful.".

June 8, 2020

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, District 1 Supervisor Karen Spiegel, District 2 Supervisor Chuck Washington, District 3 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, District 4 Supervisor Jeff Hewitt, District 5

Sent via Email

RE: Items 3.22 & 3.23

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I urge you to support Supervisor Perez's proposals which have a direct impact on the health, wellbeing, and safety of all of our communities and the nearly 2.5 million residents of Riverside County. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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