

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



ITEM: 3.1
(ID # 13174)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, August 04, 2020

FROM : SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES AND SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ :

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES and SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ:
Scheduling Workshops on County Goals and Services in the Midst of Ongoing
Social, Health, and Economic Crises

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Convene Workshops to Evaluate
County Services and Priorities Amid Ongoing Societal Challenges


ACTION:Policy


Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Supervisor 1st. District 7/29/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Perez 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: August 4, 2020
xc: Supvr. Jeffries, Supvr. Perez

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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Background:

The County of Riverside faces numerous challenges to adequately serve, assist, respond and protect all its residents, visitors and businesses. The pressing social, healthcare, public safety, workforce and education needs of our county, combined with the growing financial constraints, justifies an urgent and ongoing reexamination or "reimagining" as to how our services can be improved, redesigned, restructured, and/or partnered with other government entities, non-profit, not-for-profit, and community-based organizations.

The County of Riverside acknowledges that underserved communities, especially those located in our unincorporated communities, lack valuable services, programs, and infrastructure that is commonly found within municipalities, and that investment is necessary to achieve sustainable communities in the unincorporated areas. In addition, equity, fairness and equal opportunity are key tenets that the County of Riverside strives to achieve.

The County of Riverside acknowledges that healthcare is a critically important component of the well-being of our communities. Healthy and safe communities provide for an overall quality of life that is desired by our residents. Strategies to provide health and wellness services to our underserved populations by integrating our behavioral health, community health, population health, medical center, and other operations, while collaborating with our private partners should be refined to provide better access to services for our underserved communities.

The County of Riverside acknowledges that public safety services must fully engage with communities, develop open lines of communications with residents and community organizations, and provide young men and women with entry level access to training and employment to enhance community representation and diversity within the professional ranks of our public safety departments.

The County of Riverside acknowledges that the integration of social services and behavioral health services into day-to-day public safety field operations and urgent responses will help to address the critical needs of vulnerable populations immediately, preventing delays that could potentially lead to further harm.

The County of Riverside acknowledges that education, vocational training, and entry level access to employment with career opportunities can create more sustainable communities and provide hope for our youth that they may have a productive future in our county, rather than

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leaving for perceived better possibilities elsewhere. Intern programs, mentoring services, and coordination between our Workforce Development programs and major employers (including the County itself) can be part of that solution.

Despite the ongoing, long-standing shortfalls in provision of essential health, social services, and public safety services, as well as quality of life programs that require an increased investment, the County is faced with significant budget challenges that require difficult choices. Growing financial constraints and competition for limited financial resources, combined with built-in cost escalators are forcing our County to do more with less. Our recent budget resulted in deep cuts to multiple agencies departments, and even most agencies who received increases in their budgets fell short of the funding they needed to pay for increased labor and other fixed or mandated costs.

Looking ahead, county revenues are likely to continue to fall short of needs, while demand for services are likely to increase. Simply forcing departments and agencies to absorb another 5-10% budget reduction within their existing framework is unsustainable, and may result in the complete cessation of services within some departments. In a time of financial and social crisis, it is critical that we re-evaluate our historic priorities and processes, so that underserved communities and populations are not left further behind or forgotten in the quest for budget savings.

As part of the final motion on Item 3.21 at the July 14th, 2020 Board of Supervisors, it was recommended that Supervisors Jeffries and Perez work with the Executive Office to develop a Board Workshop focused on how we might look at larger reforms and revisions to county services and departments, with the opportunity for Board members to discuss different frameworks, partnerships, and concepts outside of our standard operating procedures and traditional service models.

This Form 11 memorializes that part of the discussion and directs the Executive Office to plan a two part Board Workshop in September, the first part of which would be a "Listening Session" for public comment and suggestions for reforms from the residents of Riverside County, and then the second part (likely a different day) for the Board of Supervisors and Department Heads that would be divided into sessions on 1) Public Safety, 2) Health and Human Services, and 3) Other County Services. Each section should include discussion of potential non-profit alliances, community outreach, intern, vocational training, and entry level employment and volunteer opportunities.

Suggestions that have broad Board support within this discussion can then be referred to the Executive Office for further evaluation or implementation, so that they might be included when the Board revisits our budget. The Board can also utilize this workshop to craft a scope and

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design for a Community Task Force, which was also endorsed by the Board as part of Item 3.21 on July 14th.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses: Re-evaluating service processes and priorities can help preserve critical county functions and protect under-served communities during the ongoing budget crisis.

From: COB

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 9:28 AM

To: George Johnson (GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG) <GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG>; Young, Alisa <AYoung@RIVCO.ORG>; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (District4@RIVCO.ORG) <District4@RIVCO.ORG>; District2 <District2@Rivco.org>; District3 <District3@Rivco.org>; District5 <District5@Rivco.org>; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District (district1@rivco.org) <district1@rivco.org>
Subject: August 4, 2020 Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.71 Public Comments (Deana Romo)

Good morning,

Forwarding Public Comment email received via COB in support of August 4, 2020 Agenda Item Nos 3.1 (Workshops) and 3.71 (Racism).

These are filed with Agenda back-up.

With best regards,

Sue Maxwell

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From: Deana Romo <romodeana@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 12:03 AM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Public comment- Support agenda items 3.1 and 3.71

Greetings Board of Supervisors,

I want to thank Supervisors Perez, Jeffries, and Washington for bringing items 3.1 and 3.71. I want to submit this public comment in favor of these items.

Item 3.1 is an opportunity for the people to have their voices heard and share their experiences with leaders of our county. I urge you all to vote in favor of this item and take the time to listen. Real and honest conversation is a start for meaningful change. And though I'm in support of this item, I also wish that it continues past the two sessions listed in the details. This is only a start and we can do better from here.

Item 3.71 to declare racism a public health crisis in the county of Riverside is long overdue. Recently, Riverside City Council passed Councilwoman Placencia's item declaring racism a public health crisis in the City. Racism surrounds us on every corner and has been affecting BIPOC physically and mentally for literally hundreds of years. I hope this resolution brought to the board by Perez and Washington creates a change towards anti-racist policy and budget reform. I also hope that the promises within the items are followed by real action. Our county depends on its leaders to support them no matter the color of their skin. Skin color should never have to negatively affect a person's access to resources for a better, healthier life.

Again, thank you Supervisors Perez, Jeffries, and Washington for bringing items 3.1 and 3.71. I urge the rest of the Board of Supervisors to support these item and vote in favor of them.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Deana Romo

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Maxwell, Sue

From: COB
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 8:47 AM
To: George Johnson (GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG); Young, Alisa; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (District4@RIVCO.ORG); District2; District3; District5; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District (district1@rivco.org)
Subject: August 4, 2020 Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.71 Public Comments (Kristyna Mendez)

Good morning,

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From: Kristyna Mendez <kristynamendez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2020 9:10 PM
To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>
Subject: Public comment—support agenda items 3.1 and 3.71

Hello Riverside board of supervisors!

I wanted to send this email to ask that we bring these agenda items into action. I am beyond excited that we are actually having the conversation about mental health and considering it be a right rather than a privilege. This is another step we are taking toward creating a sustainable life for everyone, health, housing, and education is a right everyone is entitled to. Let's vote yes on agenda items 3.1 and 3.71 and raise our human rights standards to one that is livable.

Thank you,

Kristyna Mendez

From: COB

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 9:51 AM

To: George Johnson (GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG) <GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG>; Young, Alisa <AYoung@RIVCO.ORG>; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (District4@RIVCO.ORG) <District4@RIVCO.ORG>; District2 <District2@Rivco.org>; District3 <District3@Rivco.org>; District5 <District5@Rivco.org>; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District (district1@rivco.org) <district1@rivco.org>

Subject: August 4, 2020 Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.71 Public Comments (Zara Hurtado)

Good morning,

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From: Zara Hurtado <zarahurtado95@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 9:38 AM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Public Comment: Support Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.71

Good morning,

My name is Zara Hurtado. I am submitting this public comment in regards to the support of agenda items 3.1 and 3.71.

I urge our leadership to vote in favor of Agenda item 3.1 because it is the LEAST our supervisors can do to address the systemic racism within Riverside. Rather than continually increasing the Sheriff's Department's budget (against the will of the community), I urge our supervisors to attempt some form of restorative justice and give our communities of color the respect they deserve. As a woman of color myself, I do not feel that Riverside's BOS exists to serve people like me. That being said, Agenda item 3.1 is one small step in the right direction.

Secondly, I strongly urge county leadership to vote in favor of item 3.71. Racism has been a public health crisis in Riverside county however, the fact that Riverside currently denies that fact is an insult to the families who have lost a loved one due to a racist hate crime, such as the case of Massai Cole in 2020. I urge riverside to follow San Bernardino's lead and declare racism a public health crisis. This resolution will move Riverside one step closer towards anti-racist policies that will create a happier, safer community than the one we have now.

I am a life-long Riverside resident and I find myself concerned about the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting. I have been following each BOS meeting since March and have been incredibly disappointed to see that our trusted supervisors continually vote against the best interest of their community and actively oppose actions the community has repeatedly asked for.

I hope you find it in your conscious to pass agenda items that protect the most vulnerable members of your county.

Thank you,
Zara Hurtado

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From: COB

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 9:45 AM

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Subject: August 4, 2020 Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.71 Public Comments (Julissa Toledo)

Good morning,

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With best regards,

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From: Julissa Toledo <julissatoledo2016@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 8:57 AM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Public Comment- Support Agenda Item 3.1 and 3.71

To the Board of Supervisors,

Hello my name is Julissa Toledo and I am a constituent of Eastvale (7456 Sungold Ave. Eastvale CA 92880).

I strongly encourage the Board Members to vote in favor of Agenda Item 3.1 and 3.71. Our community has yet to have open conversations about how its people have been affected by systemic racism. Why must we wait for another person of color to die for us to have these discussions? Massai Cole was murdered by white supremacists on February 1st, 2020. White supremacists have been spewing hate in Norco. After witnessing a KKK ring on a hand of a counter protester in a video taken place at a protest in Norco, it is evident that KKK members are here to cause harm to our communities. It is better late than never to talk about how racism is harming and has harmed people of color in our county and that is why I thank Supervisors Jeffries and Perez for being willing to bring attention to this crisis. Acknowledging that it is the problem is the first step and that is why the board must vote yes to declare racism and inequity a public health crisis. This is only the beginning of working to eradicate racism and I hope to see more policy changes reflecting this. Thank you and again I ask the Board to vote yes on Agenda item 3.1 and 3.71.

Thank you,

Julissa Toledo

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From: COB

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 8:17 AM

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Subject: August 4, 2020 Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.71 Public Comments (Renee Foster)

Good morning,

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With best regards,

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From: Renee Foster <renee@arise2destiny.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2020 12:38 PM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Public Comment-Support Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.71

Good Morning Mayor and City Council Members,

MY name is Renee Foster, a 501© non-profit organization, ARISE 2 DESTINY Restoration Center (homeless).

SUPPORT Agenda Item 3.1

I urge our county leadership to vote in favor of item 3.1 on today's agenda. The time is long past due for us to have a real transparent conversation

About systemic racism and how it impacts communities of color in Riverside County. While I am encouraged by this plan for upcoming listening

And study sessions. Thank you Supervisor Jeffries and Perez for bringing this item, and I ask the County to vote yes on agenda item 3.1.

Support Agenda Item 3.71

I urge our county leadership to vote in favor of item 3.71 on today's agenda. Racism has long been a public health crisis in Riverside County, and

The Board's official acknowledgement of this fact is significant. This resolution serves a critical stepping stone towards anti-racist policy and

Budget reform. I look forward to seeing how the Board commits to actualizing the values laid out in this resolution.

Thank you Supervisor Perez and Washington for bringing this resolution to the Board, and again, I ask the County to vote yes on agenda item 3.71.

Thank you,

Renee Foster

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From: COB

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 9:37 AM

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Subject: August 4, 2020 Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.71 Public Comments (Camaryn Crisantes)

Good morning,

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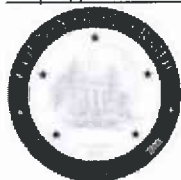
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From: Camaryn Crisantes <camarync@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 8:54 AM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Public Comment- Support Agenda items 3.1 and 3.71

Item 3.1: Thank you Supervisors Jeffries and Perez for bringing this item. I ask that the county votes yes on agenda item 3.1. I commend the idea of opening conversations and studying the issue regarding systemic racism. My hope is that this is not limited to 2 events and becomes a common habit within the county. I believe for real growth and healthy change to happen it is important to engage in the conversation of systemic racism and the impact it presently, and previously, has affected the communities of color within Riverside County. Thank you and I once again ask for a yes vote in item 3.1.

3.71: Thank you Supervisors Perez and Washington for being item 3.71. I ask that there be a yes vote in item 3.71. Other counties have recognized Racism has a public health issue and with great reason. The acknowledgement of this is an important step in addressing the necessary budgetary and policy changes that are needed to rectify the disparities within our system. Thank you again for presenting 3.71 on the agenda and I urge a yes vote.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Camaryn Crisantes

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From: COB

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Subject: August 4, 2020 Items 3.1 and 3.71 - Public Comments (Olivia Gleason)

Greetings,

Please see email comments below received via COB for August 4, 2020 Items 3.1 and 3.71.

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From: Olivia Grace Gleason <OGleason7347@scrippscollege.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 12:14 AM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Public Comment- Support Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.71

Dear Board of Supervisors,

SUPPORT Agenda Item 3.1

I urge Riverside county leadership to vote in favor of item 3.1 on today's agenda. The time is long past due for us to have a real and honest conversation about systemic racism and how it impacts communities of color in Riverside County. While I am encouraged by this plan for upcoming listening and study sessions, I also encourage the County to commit to more than two listening sessions. Thank you Supervisors Jeffries and Perez for bringing this item, and I ask the County to vote yes on agenda item 3.1. Please use your role as supervisors to help promote and center the voices of community members who have dealt with systemic racism and other issues and who know these issues best. This is how change for the better is created, passing this agenda item is essential to ensuring that we are listening and acting in the best interest of the people.

SUPPORT Agenda Item 3.71

I urge our county leadership to vote in favor of item 3.71 on today's agenda. Racism has long been a public health crisis in Riverside County, and the Board's official acknowledgement of this fact is significant. This resolution serves as a critical stepping stone towards anti-racist policy and budget reform. I look forward to seeing how the Board commits to actualizing the values laid out in this resolution. Thank you Supervisors Perez and Washington for bringing this resolution to the Board, and again, I ask the County to vote yes on agenda item 3.71. Although blatant and explicit acts of police brutality and violence are what spark most attention, violence in the form of lack of healthcare, housing, jobs, education, clean air, good food, etc. harms people every single day. In order to make changes and give people the proper care they need, we must recognize that we have an issue. Please use your power to pass this agenda item.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Please use your power for good and vote in favor of these 2 agenda items.

Olivia Gleason

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