

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



**ITEM: 3.35  
(ID # 15143)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, April 27, 2021

**FROM :** SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL AND SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ :

**SUBJECT:** SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL & SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ: Riverside County Office of Economic Development, All Districts [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** The Board of Supervisors appoint member to:

1. Approve and recognize the "Office of Economic Development", resulting from the reorganization of the former Economic Development Agency; and
2. Authorize the Department Head of the Office of Economic Development signing authority up to \$75,000 for contracts and agreements approved as to form by County Counsel.

**ACTION:Policy**

*Karen S. Spiegel* *V. Manuel Perez*  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Chair 4/23/2021 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 4/23/2021

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Washington 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: April 27, 2021  
xc: Supvr. Spiegel, Supvr. Perez

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By: *[Signature]*  
Deputy

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In April 2020, the Board of Supervisors reorganized the former Economic Development Agency (EDA) resulting in the creation of three new departments including Business and Community Services, for a focused purpose on serving businesses and communities. This strategic decision provided the department the flexibility to pivot quickly to address issues and seize opportunities to elevate the economic profile of the region. Renaming the department to the "Office of Economic Development" will clearly highlight for internal and external stakeholders, the department's responsibility and focus on economic recovery and long-term growth.

With a strong emphasis on raising the importance of economic development in our region and for the county's economic recovery, the Office of Economic Development will continue to forge solid partnerships to collaborate on industry build up and business attraction. The global pandemic has created challenges to the health and safety of our residents, businesses, and workforce. The impact of COVID-19 has been crippling to many businesses, with a slow rebound for recovery. In order to respond equally fast with support to assist in the economic recovery, the newly formed department will need signing authority to implement and execute programs and projects for ongoing operations within the respective units within the department.

The Office of Economic Development will concentrate on providing tools and resources for responsible economic growth and create programs that are accessible throughout the County and in our economically disadvantage communities. The department will also continue to serve our businesses and communities through the Riverside County Library System and Special Districts. The Office of Economic Development will be a key department in driving sustainable economic development in the region as we invest in our county's future.

**Attachment A**

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**RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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