

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt, and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, July 27, 2021, be adjourned in memory of longtime congressman Jerry Lewis, who passed away peacefully on July 15, 2021.

Jerry was born October 21, 1934, in Seattle, Washington. He graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1952, where he was captain of the swim team. In 1956, he earned a bachelor's degree from UCLA. Lewis served as a fellow at the Coro Foundation in San Francisco, which teaches leadership skills. After college, Lewis was in the insurance business.

Lewis served on the San Bernardino City Unified School District from 1964 to 1968. He was on the staff of former U.S. Rep. Jerry Pettis in 1966. Lewis served in the California Assembly from 1969 to 1978, where he led the effort, that established the South Coast Air Quality Management District in 1976.

Lewis ran for the state Senate in a special election in January 1974, losing to Democrat Ruben Ayala. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1978, winning with 61% of the votes. He was reelected 16 times, never by less than 61%. Lewis was chairman of the House of Appropriations Committee, serving in that role during the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, from 2005-2007. He secured millions of dollars for projects in San Bernardino County, including \$167.2 million for Loma Linda University. He secured start-up funding in 1998 for Loma Linda University's Proton Beam treatment center.

Lewis was instrumental in securing \$450 million for construction of the Seven Oaks Dam, which was built east of Highland between 1993-2000 to prevent flooding of the Santa Ana River, in Orange County. He also helped secure nearly \$100 million to the U.S. Forest Service to remove more than a million trees in the San Bernardino National Forest killed by drought and bark beetle infestation.

Lewis also introduced California's Newsmen's Shield Law, which provided journalists with immunity from being judged in contempt of court for refusing to disclose unpublished information or the identity of a confidential source.

Lewis' memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Jerry Lewis.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on July 27, 2021 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: July 27, 2021

Kecia Harper, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By:  Deputy

AGENDA NO.

ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt, and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, July 27, 2021, be adjourned in memory of Jerry Daniel Irion, who passed away peacefully on June 4, 2021.

Jerry was born in Pasadena, California and grew up in Alhambra. He completed his college years at USC and went to work in the textile industry. He started his own company, Vanguard Industries, and later joined T & S Development as Vice President of Special Projects. During his business years, Jerry raced cars (Montreal), got his pilot's license, and flew a Mooney aircraft to meet with clients.

Jerry enjoyed many hobbies, including hunting, fly fishing and tennis. He was committed to volunteering his time and expertise to many organizations: Riverside East Rotary (President 1991-1992), Jerry was on the Riverside Planning Commission for eight years, he was a candidate for Riverside City Council in 1989, a Trustee of the Riverside Art Museum, he was active at Riverside Rancheros, and was an active member of Calvary Presbyterian Church, as an Elder and Trustee. During retirement years, Jerry and Emilie enjoyed traveling to see friends and family, and cruising. Jerry had many interests in life, he was also an avid reader (especially about fly fishing).

Jerry's memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He was a caring, loving, Christian man, devoted to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Jerry Daniel Irion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on July 27, 2021 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: July 27, 2021

Kecia Harper, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
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By: *Narsain Jirani* Deputy

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