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



Tuesday, January 11, 2022

FROM:

CLERK OF THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: Elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2022

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Elect Supervisor Jeff Hewitt as Chair of the Board

2. Elect Supervisor Kevin Jeffries as Vice Chair of the Board

ACTION:

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended to elect Supervisor Jeff Hewitt as Chair and Supervisor Kevin Jeffries as Vice-Chair.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel and Hewitt

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

January 11, 2022

Abstained: Washington and Perez

XC:

COB

Kecia R. Harper

Clerk of the Board

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

At the first meeting in January of each year, the Board of Supervisors shall elect from among its members the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

Board Policy A-3, most recently updated in 2018, was adopted to limit the length of consecutive leadership terms and to establish a rotation system that allows for an orderly selection process. In relevant part, the policy reads: In each calendar year the vice chair for the previous year shall be elected chair and the next most senior Board member to the new chair shall be elected vice chair.

In 2021, Supervisor Jeff Hewitt served as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Pursuant to Board Policy A-3, he shall be elected board chair.

Next in the rotation to serve as Vice Chair is Supervisor Chuck Washington. However, Supervisor Washington is currently serving as the First Vice President of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and will likely serve as President of that organization in calendar year 2023 - the same year he would serve as Chair of the Board of Supervisors if selected to serve as Vice Chair at this time. In consideration of that, Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, the person next in rotation, may be elected as Vice Chair, thereby switching places with Supervisor Washington in the orderly selection process.

Although this rotation system provides each Board member with an opportunity to ascend to the chair and vice chair, those elected serve at the pleasure of the remaining members and may be removed by majority vote if they do not exhibit the appropriate leadership qualities. Board Policy A-3 specifies that the chair and vice chair must execute their duties with dignity, honesty, and decorum; they must create a forum for healthy debate while maintaining the spirit of cooperation; and they must serve as spokespersons for any position officially adopted by a majority of the Board even if they personally disagree therewith.