

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



ITEM: 2.14  
(ID # 20190)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, October 04, 2022

**FROM :** SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL AND SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON :

**SUBJECT:** SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL AND SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON:  
Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

Direct the Executive Office to light the County Administrative Center green from November 9, 2022, through November 11, 2022, as part of Operation Green Light, a national effort to show support for local veterans.

**ACTION:**Consent

*Karen S. Spiegel* *Chuck Washington*  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Supervisor 2nd District 9/28/2022 Supervisor Chuck Washington, Supervisor 3rd District 9/30/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt 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: October 4, 2022  
xc: BOS District 2, BOS District 3, EO

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By: *Deanna Smith*  
Deputy

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**BACKGROUND:**

As Veterans Day approaches, the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers are partnering to launch Operation Green Light, a national effort to show support for local military veterans. By participating in Operation Green Light, Riverside County will join counties across the nation in lighting their administrative buildings green to show support for local veterans and raise awareness about the unique challenges they face along with the resources that are available to help them.

Our nation's military veterans and their families have made immense sacrifices for our safety and security. The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens. Riverside County seeks to honor these individuals who have placed themselves in harm's way for the good of all.

Participation in Operation Green Light will be another initiative to highlight Riverside County's commitment to honoring and serving our veterans. Other initiatives include the Veteran Assistance Leadership of Riverside County (VALOR) and Waive Admissions Involving Veterans Entry (WAIVE) programs. These programs recognize the contributions of our veterans and the sacrifices of their families and include free entrance to current and former military personnel, family members, and guests at many county events and facilities.

Riverside County operates the Department of Veterans' Services to promote and honor all veterans and enhance their quality of life—and that of their dependents and survivors—through counseling, claims assistance, education, advocacy and special projects. Riverside County serves as home to approximately 118,000 veterans and approximately 307,00 veterans, dependents and survivors of veterans. This past year alone, the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services has provided services to roughly 50,000 veterans, dependents and survivors in our county, while generating \$31.5 million in new benefits.

In addition to illuminating the County Administrative Center in green, we encourage all county residents to join the effort by lighting their homes or offices green. Installing even a single green bulb will signify our thanks and show support for those who have fought to preserve our freedom.