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



(ID # 24038)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

FROM: BOS DISTRICT 3 AND SUPERVISOR YXSTIAN GUTIERREZ:

**SUBJECT:** SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON AND SUPERVISOR YXSTIAN GUTIERREZ: Naming the Valle Vista Park in Honor of Fallen Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Brett Michael Harris [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors recognize fallen Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Brett M. Harris for his years of dedicated service and approve the naming of Valle Vista Park, a county-owned property, in his honor.

"Deputy Brett M. Harris Park" at the Valle Vista Park (25175 Fairview Ave, Hemet, CA 92544)

**ACTION:Consent** 

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez

Nays:

None

Absent: Date: None January 23, 2024

XC:

BOS-Dist. 3, BOS-Dist. 5

Deputy

Kimberly A. Rector

Clerk of the Board

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**BACKGROUND:** Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Brett M. Harris served with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department since his graduation from the Sheriff's Academy in December of 2019. He was a part of the 208<sup>th</sup> Basic Peace Officer Academy class. Brett was first assigned to the Cois M. Byrd Detention Center until his transfer to patrol at the Hemet Station on January 27, 2022. He continued to serve the people of the Hemet and San Jacinto Valleys until an onduty traffic collision took his life on Friday, May 12, 2023, while responding to a partner deputy's request for help involving a person in crisis.

During his tenure, he was heavily invested in the Riverside Sheriff's Explorer program and would take the young adults on ride-alongs as an advisor. He also specialized in domestic violence investigations during his time at the Hemet Station. Brett routinely received letters of gratitude from community members that he had assisted during his shifts.

Born April 25, 1996, Brett was a military brat who traveled all over the country until he and his family settled in Temecula in 2010 where he attended Great Oak High School. Upon his high school graduation in 2014, he pursued a degree in Criminal Justice from California State University San Marcos. During college, he became a mentor for Big Brothers, Big Sisters. He married his wife, Myreia, in October 2019.

In Brett's final act of service above self, his wish to serve as an organ donor was respected and his heart, lungs, kidneys, and his liver provided others with the gift of life. Tragically, he leaves behind his wife, mother, father, twin sister, and brother.

Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Supervisors direct the Facilities Management Department to name the Valle Vista Park in honor of Fallen Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Brett M. Harris.