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



ITEM: 3.23 (ID # 24539) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

FROM:

BOS DISTRICT 3:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 3 and BOS DISTRICT 5: Approve and Authorize the Joint Third District and Fifth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project and Funding. Districts 3 and 5. [\$17,634 Total Cost – 100% General Fund/Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve the Joint Third and Fifth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project Outlined Below; and
- 2. Approve and Authorize \$8,817 in Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds Toward Project Implementation; and
- 3. Approve and Authorize \$8,817 in Fifth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds Toward Project Implementation; and
- 4. Direct the Executive Office and the Department of Facilities Management to Take Necessary Administrative Actions to Implement Project Expenditures, Including Execution of Agreements as may be Necessary, and as Approved as to Form by County Counsel.

ACTION:

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Gutierrez

Nays:

None

Absent: Date: Perez

XC:

March 19, 2024

BOS-Dist. 3, BOS-Dist. 5, E.O., FM

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Kimberly A. Rector

Clerk of the Board

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:		Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:		Ongoing Cost
COST	\$	17,634	\$	0	\$	17,634	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$	17,634	\$	0	\$	17,634	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund/Unincorporated						Budget Adjustment: N/A	
Communities Initiative Funds							
						For Fiscal \	ear: 23/24

BACKGROUND: BACKGROUND:

On November 17, 2020, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Executive Office to implement an Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI). The UCI is a focused, ongoing, and coordinated effort to improve the infrastructure and services provided to the residents of unincorporated communities, with emphasis on Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs). The program is funded through the Unincorporated Communities Fund (UCF). The UCF receives authorized General Fund/Net County Cost (NCC) monies from the County during the annual budget and quarterly budget revision process.

On December 15, 2020, the Executive Office presented a proposed framework for planning and implementation of the UCI. With the support of the Board, the Executive Office established a team of staff and department heads to facilitate the UCI program. Through March 31, 2021, the Executive Office team held 15 community meetings and conducted online surveys to better understand community needs for services, infrastructure, and infrastructure maintenance. On May 25, 2021, the UCI Team presented the needs assessment to the Board.

On June 27, 2023, the Board adopted the FY23/24 Budget, which included allocation of \$10,000,000 in NCC General Funds to the Unincorporated Communities Fund to be divided evenly between the five Supervisorial Districts for each Supervisor's use within their unincorporated communities.

Based on the foundational work completed by the UCI Team and further analysis by the 3rd and 5th District offices, \$8,817 of the remaining available UCF funding for the Third District, and \$8,817 of the remaining available UCF funding for the Fifth District will be allocated to the following project:

\$17,634 to the Riverside County Facilities Management Department for preparation, construction and installation of a new monument sign renaming Valle Vista Park in honor of Fallen Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Brett M. Harris.

On January 23, 2024 (Agenda Item 3.3), at the request of the County's Third and Fifth District, the County Board of Supervisors approved the re-naming of Valle Vista Park, a county-owned property, in recognition of fallen Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Brett M. Harris for his years of dedicated service.

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 208th 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. During his tenure, he was heavily invested in the Riverside Sheriff's Explorer program and would take 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

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from community members that he had assisted during his shifts. He continued to serve the people of the Hemet and San Jacinto Valleys until an on-duty 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.

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.

IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:

Installation of a new monument sign will finalize the renaming of this community park and serve to commemorate Sheriff's Deputy Brett M. Harris and his unwavering commitment to serving the community.

The long-term goal of the Unincorporated Communities initiative is to ultimately improve infrastructure and services to all of the County's unincorporated communities. This project is a step to meeting that commitment.