

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



ITEM: 3.11  
(ID # 25283)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approval of Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget Amendments & Resolution of Adoption, All Districts. [Total Appropriations - \$9,197,528 - 54% General Fund and 46% departmental revenues]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the budget adjustments to the recommended budget listed in Attachment A.
2. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments shown on Attachment A; and,
3. Approve revisions to Resolution No. 440-9422 containing amendments to Ordinance 440 and Budget Schedule 20 listed in Attachment B; and,
4. Approve Resolution No. 2024-140 adopting the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget as amended, contained in Attachment C.

ACTION: Position Added, Policy

Jeff Van Wagenen, County Executive Officer 6/19/2024

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez 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: None  
Date: June 25, 2024  
xc: E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$9,197,528	\$9,197,528	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$4,922,528	\$4,922,528	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: 54% - General Fund and 46% - Departmental Revenue</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: Yes</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 2024/25</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary:**

On May 30, 2024, the Executive Office published the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Recommended Budget. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Board of Supervisors opened the budget hearing and took testimony from county departments and the public. The Board members then discussed the presentations and shared their respective thoughts about potential revisions to the recommended budget.

Based upon the department presentations and the Board's discussion, the Executive Office submitted the following revision to the recommended budget:

- Partially fund the District Attorney's request with an additional \$725,277
- Partially fund Fire's request with an additional \$944,816
- Fully fund Probation's request with an additional \$170,000
- Fully fund the Auditor-Controller's request with an additional \$260,000
- Partially fund the Assessor Clerk-Recorder's request with an additional \$2,086,101
- Fully fund Animal Services' request with an additional \$2,003,016
- Fully fund Parks' request with an additional \$275,000
- Fully fund Public Health's request with an additional \$400,000
- Fully fund DPSS' request with an additional \$6,100,000
- Partially fund Integrated Services' request with an additional \$7,000,000

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a total \$19,964,210 revision to the recommended budget entirely funded by Augmentation Funds. (Below is a table with more detail on the requests and the source of funding.)

Additionally, the Executive Office will:

- Work with the Assessor Clerk Recorder to find an alternate funding source for the balance of their request (\$4,236,810);
- Work with Integrated Services to fund the investment in data integration with additional funds as the project moves forward;
- Review the ability to increase the investment in the Unincorporated Communities Initiative in late Fiscal Year 2024/25 and/or for Fiscal Year 2025/26; and
- Identify ways to improve the permitting, fast tracking and investment in affordable housing.

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**Table: Revision to the Recommended Budget**

<u>Written Revision for Departments</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Increase to District Attorney for Cold Case Unit	Augmentation	\$ 200,972
Increase to District Attorney for Major Crimes Trial Prep	Augmentation	524,305
Increase to Fire for Fuels Crew Program	Augmentation	660,645
Increase to Fire for Communication / IT Staffing	Augmentation	154,432
Increase to Fire for ECC Growth	Augmentation	129,739
Increase to Probation for Medical Alert Wrist Band Pilot	Augmentation	170,000
Increase to Auditor-Controller for Contract Management Team	Augmentation	260,000
Increase to Assessor Clerk-Recorder for Clerk Recorder Ops	Augmentation	2,086,101
Increase to Animal Services for SJVAC Veterinarian Staffing	Augmentation	441,852
Increase to Animal Services for CVAC Veterinarian Staffing	Augmentation	441,852
Increase to Animal Services for Community Growth Initiative	Augmentation	376,871
Increase to Animal Services for Mobile Bus Staffing	Augmentation	742,441
Increase to Parks for Outdoor Equity Initiative	Augmentation	200,000
Increase to Parks for Trails Maintenance and Patrol	Augmentation	75,000
Increase to Public Health for Blue Zones Investment	Augmentation	200,000
Increase to Public Health for Blue Zones Staffing	Augmentation	200,000
Increase to DPSS for Harmony Haven	Augmentation	6,100,000
Increase to DPSS for Annual Investment in Integrated Services	Augmentation	3,000,000
Increase to RCIT for Integrated Services Data Integration	Augmentation	4,000,000
	<b>Total:</b>	<u>\$19,964,210</u>

Inclusive of the above amounts are revisions to Ordinance 440-9422 for positions and as shown on Attachment B.

**Supplemental Financial Information:**

After these adjustments are made the new total appropriations and revenue for FY 2024/25 Adopted Budget are:

REVISED TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$9,580,435,471
REVISED TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,310,141,053

The approved revisions did not change the projection for year-end reserves of \$698 million.

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**Impact on Residents and Businesses:**

The recommended budget demonstrates the values that drive the important work of the county, focusing on improving the quality of life for residents, transforming the delivery of services, seeking systemic equity, and achieving fiscal stability.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Attachment A** – FY 2024/25 Recommended Budget Adjustments

**Attachment B** – Ord 440-9422 Revisions

**Attachment C** – Resolution No. 2024-140

  
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Dave Rogers, Chief Administrative Officer      6/19/2024



RESOLUTION NO. 440-9422

REVISION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on June 25, 2024, that pursuant to Section 4(a)(ii) of Ordinance No. 440, the County Executive Officer is hereby authorized to make the position change(s) to Ordinance No. 440 with an operative date of July 01, 2024, as revisions to Schedule 20, Summary of Authorized Positions, which is presented in the FY 2024/25 Recommended Budget Book.

<u>Job Code</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Department ID</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Type</u>
77421	+2	1300200000	Sr. Internal Auditor	Regular
77404	+1	1300200000	Supv. Internal Auditor	Regular
13932	+10	2200100000	Sr. Legal Support Assistant	Regular
78506	+3	2200100000	Paralegal II	Regular
37720	+1	2200100000	Sr. D.A. Investigator	Regular
86185	+2	2700200000	IT User Support Tech III	Regular
66454	+1	2700200000	Fire Apparatus Technician III	Regular
86131	+1	2700200000	IT Communications Tech III	Regular
66453	+1	2700200000	Fire Apparatus Tech II	Regular
74213	+1	2700200000	Admin Services Officer	Regular
62142	+2	2700200000	Grounds Crew Lead Worker	Regular
62972	+14	2700200000	General Worker	Regular
74199	+1	2700200000	Admin Services Supervisor	Regular
13866	+1	2700200000	Office Assistant III	Regular
13804	+2	2700200000	Fire Communications Supervisor	Regular
73503	+2	4200600000	Veterinary Assistant	Regular
73501	+3	4200600000	Registered Veterinary Tech	Regular
73524	+3	4200600000	Veterinary Surgeon	Regular
73500	+1	4200600000	Supv. Registered Veterinary Tech	Regular

ATTACHMENT B

29	13851	+1	4200600000	Animal Services Representative	Regular
30	73510	+1	4200600000	Animal C & L Officer II	Regular
31	73496	+1	4200600000	Animal Services Dispatcher	Regular


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ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Spiegel, Perez, and Gutierrez  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-140****A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY RIVERSIDE****ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California in regular session assembled on June 25, 2024, that pursuant to Sections 29080 through 29092 of the Government Code, the budget of the County of Riverside, including all districts, agencies, and authorities governed by this Board, is hereby adopted for Fiscal Year 2024/25, in accordance with the financing requirements of the recommended budget, less such deletions and reductions plus such additions and increases as have been made by order of this Board during and after the budget hearings commenced on June 10, 2024, and prior to and including the adoption of this resolution, said adoption including by reference the financing requirements of the recommended budget on file with the Clerk of this Board and the minutes of this Board as to changes therein, and that said adopted budget shall consist of:

- (a) Appropriations by objects of expenditures within each budget unit;
- (b) Other financing uses by budget unit;
- (c) Intrafund transfers by budget unit;
- (d) Residual equity transfers-out by fund;
- (e) Appropriations for contingencies by fund;
- (f) Cancellations and provisions for reserves and designations by fund and purpose, as may finally be determined;
- (g) The means of financing the budget requirements;
- (h) The gross appropriations limit and the total annual appropriations subject to limitation, as finally determined; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, within the object of Salaries and Employee Benefits, the object of Services and Supplies, the object of Other Charges, and the subobject of Capital Assets for each budget unit, the listing of items are only for convenience, and shall not restrict expenditure within the limits of the total appropriation approved for the specified object or subobject by the official responsible for that budget unit, except as otherwise provided by procedures and adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-140

4 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

5 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 BUDGET

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7 ROLL CALL:


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9 Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Spiegel, Perez, and Gutierrez

10 Nays: None

11 Absent: None

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17 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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FY 2024/25 Adopted Budget Changes by Department							
Dept ID	Department Name	Fund	Category	Expenditures	Estimated Revenues	Net General Fund	Net Other Funds
<b>Finance and Government Services</b>							
1101000000	Contribution To Other Funds	10000	Other Financing Uses	\$ 7,275,000	\$0	\$ 7,275,000	
1103000000	Augmentation	10000	Other Financing Uses	(19,964,210)	0	(19,964,210)	
	<b>Subtotal Executive Office</b>			<b>(12,689,210)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(12,689,210)</b>	
1200200000	County Clerk-Recorder	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	469,807	0	469,807	
1200200000	County Clerk-Recorder	10000	Services and Supplies	1,616,294	0	1,616,294	
	<b>Subtotal County Clerk-Recorder</b>			<b>2,086,101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,086,101</b>	
1300200000	Internal Audit	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	213,786	0	213,786	
1300200000	Internal Audit	10000	Services and Supplies	46,214	0	46,214	
	<b>Subtotal Auditor-Controller</b>			<b>260,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>260,000</b>	
<b>Total Finance and Government Services</b>				<b>(10,343,109)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(10,343,109)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Human Services</b>							
5100100000	Administration DPSS	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	7,162,244	0	7,162,244	
5100100000	Administration DPSS	10000	Services and Supplies	3,593,986	0	3,593,986	
5100100000	Administration DPSS	10000	Intergovernmental - Federal	0	1,656,230	(1,656,230)	
5100100000	Administration DPSS	10000	Other Financing Sources	0	3,000,000	(3,000,000)	
	<b>Subtotal Department of Public Social Services</b>			<b>10,756,230</b>	<b>4,656,230</b>	<b>6,100,000</b>	
<b>Total Human Services</b>				<b>10,756,230</b>	<b>4,656,230</b>	<b>6,100,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Internal Services</b>							
7400100000	Information Technology	45500	Services and Supplies	4,000,000	0		4,000,000
7400100000	Information Technology	45500	Other Financing Sources	0	4,000,000		(4,000,000)
	<b>Subtotal Information Technology</b>			<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Internal Services</b>				<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>							
2200100000	District Attorney	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	725,277	0	725,277	
	<b>Subtotal District Attorney</b>			<b>725,277</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>725,277</b>	
2600100000	Juvenile Hall	10000	Services and Supplies	170,000	0	170,000	
	<b>Subtotal Probation</b>			<b>170,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>170,000</b>	
2700200000	Fire Protection	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,139,363	0	1,139,363	
2700200000	Fire Protection	10000	Services and Supplies	10,735	0	10,735	
2700200000	Fire Protection	10000	Charges for Current Services	0	266,298	(266,298)	
2700230000	Emergency Command Center	10000	Services and Supplies	1,016	0	1,016	
2700236000	Communications/IT Services	10000	Services and Supplies	60,000	0	60,000	
	<b>Subtotal Fire</b>			<b>1,211,114</b>	<b>266,298</b>	<b>944,816</b>	
<b>Total Public Safety</b>				<b>2,106,391</b>	<b>266,298</b>	<b>1,840,093</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Public Works and Community Services</b>							
4200600000	DAS - Operations	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,715,016	0	1,715,016	
4200600000	DAS - Operations	10000	Services and Supplies	288,000	0	288,000	
	<b>Subtotal Animal Services</b>			<b>2,003,016</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,003,016</b>	
931170	Habitat & Open Space Mgmt.	25430	Services and Supplies	75,000	0		75,000
931170	Habitat & Open Space Mgmt.	25430	Other Financing Sources	0	75,000		(75,000)
931235	Business Operations	25400	Services and Supplies	200,000	0		200,000
931235	Business Operations	25400	Other Financing Sources	0	200,000		(200,000)
	<b>Subtotal Regional Parks &amp; Open Space</b>			<b>275,000</b>	<b>275,000</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Total Public Works and Community Services</b>				<b>2,278,016</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>2,003,016</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Health &amp; Hospital Services</b>							
4200100000	Public Health	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	200,000	0	200,000	
4200100000	Public Health	10000	Services and Supplies	200,000	0	200,000	
	<b>Subtotal Public Health</b>			<b>400,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>400,000</b>	
<b>Total Health &amp; Hospital Services</b>				<b>400,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>\$ 9,197,528</b>	<b>\$ 9,197,528</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>FY 2024/25 Adopted Budget Changes by Fund</b>						
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>Net Other Funds</b>	
10000	General Fund	\$ 4,922,528	\$ 4,922,528	\$0	\$0	
25400	Regional Park & Open Space Dis	200,000	200,000	0	0	
25430	Habitat/Open Space Mgt-Parks	75,000	75,000	0	0	
45500	ISF-Information Technology	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 9,197,528</b>	<b>\$ 9,197,528</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	



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**SPEAKER'S NAME:** Brenda Ortiz

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPEAKER'S NAME:** Mariela Loera

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPEAKER'S NAME: Juana Rosas Felipe

Address: (only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: Zip:

Phone #:

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**SPEAKER'S NAME:** Nathan Kempe

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** 951-465-5241

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Agenda #** 3.11

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Desiree Sanchez

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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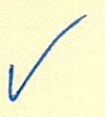
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**SPEAKER'S NAME:** Julie Prantz

**Address:** 4464 9th St.  
(Only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** RIVERSIDE **Zip:** 92501

**Phone #:** 951-318-9465

**Date:** 25 JUNE 2024 **Agenda #** 3.11

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Bryan Sánchez

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: Beaumont Zip: 92223

Phone #: 909-227-7116

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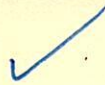
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SPEAKER'S NAME: X Nina Minka

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: Maricopa Zip: 92562

Phone #: 951-553-8723

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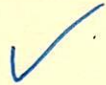
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SPEAKER'S NAME: Luis Nolasco

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Chair Washington and Members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

Please find the attached public comment letter from a collective of Riverside Community Organizations in regards to the County's 2024-2025 Recommended Budget - Agenda Item # 3.11. We would appreciate confirmation that you have received this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions and/or to discuss the issues raised in this letter.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.





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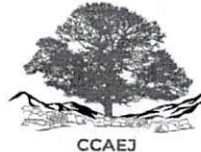
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**Re: Updated County of Riverside Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Dear Chair Washington and Board of Supervisors,

At the *June 10th Budget Hearing* many of us Riverside community organizations along with your constituents shared our recommendations and requested changes to the County's proposed 2024/2025 Budget. **We are urging the Board of Supervisors take immediate action to include the community's funding recommendations to the 2024/2025 Budget, and increase community participation in the budget process.**

We request that the Board of Supervisors reconsider its allocation of discretionary funding. Currently, substantial funds are directed towards criminal prosecution, probation services, and the Sheriff's Department, while severely underfunding critical areas such as housing and homelessness initiatives, unincorporated and underserved communities, and public safety programs that assist community members returning from incarceration. **We call on the Board to enhance transparency throughout the budget cycle, as well as to expand opportunities for public participation, engagement, and feedback in the County's budgeting process.**

**We advocate for reallocating funding towards:**

**I. Use Discretionary Funding for Housing**

67% of discretionary funding (nearly \$809 million) is allocated to the Public Safety Group (Sheriff, Probation, DA, etc). This represents an over 9% increase (+\$70.1 million) in spending from the 2023-24 Modified Budget, even though the Public Safety Group receives a total of \$2.1 billion from the total budget. Funding dedicated to punitive policing and the prosecution, incarceration, and surveillance of the County's community members disproportionately outweighs funding to address housing and homelessness. Research has shown the devastating link between homelessness and incarceration.<sup>1</sup> The Board's Recommended Budget can either break or reinforce this link.

**We urge the Board to revise its funding priorities and reallocate discretionary funding, which the Board has the greatest control and judgment over, to strengthen the investment in new housing and homelessness initiatives for the upcoming year.** This includes a commitment to providing wraparound services, case management, and permanent housing to the County's most vulnerable residents. Implementing the approximately thirty-eight programs outlined in the Housing Element will directly contribute to meeting these housing needs. By ensuring the allocation of necessary funding to these programs, the County can effectively advance community priorities.

A priority for many unincorporated communities across the county, like those in the Eastern Coachella Valley, is the development of infrastructure that improves habitability and facilitates future affordable housing projects. The county must fund an infrastructure and service improvement needs inventory, as described in the Housing Element. The inventory must identify, analyze, and address infrastructure needs, including those related to water, wastewater, stormwater, pedestrian, and electrical. By doing this, the County can lay the groundwork for successful housing initiatives. The development of this inventory must involve a robust community engagement process to ensure collaboration directly with the community impacted. Additionally, funds targeting the development of Community Plans, as detailed in the Housing Element, which aim to plan for the development of necessary infrastructure and resources in rural communities, are extremely important to ensure that current and future Community Plans move forward and are implemented efficiently. As all infrastructure-related efforts move forward, funds are needed for the completion of feasibility studies and necessary environmental review processes.

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<sup>1</sup> "Nowhere to Go: Homelessness among formerly incarcerated people," August 2018. Lucius Couloute. <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/housing.html>



As the county plans for the future, funding must also be allocated to maintaining and enhancing the current affordable housing stock. Mobile home units and parks are the largest source of affordable housing in unincorporated communities, like the Eastern Coachella Valley, providing a roof for many low-income families. Establishing and executing programs that offer targeted assistance to Polanco and Mobile Home Park residents and owners is vital. Funding is needed to develop a simplified, comprehensive, linguistically and culturally appropriate education and outreach program that informs current and future polanco owners about the County's permitting and habitability standards and resources. Additionally, funds should support the development and implementation of the Eastern Coachella Valley Polanco Park Housing Directory and accompanying virtual map, as described in the Housing Element. The directory must accurately track affordable housing in the region, be updated annually, and be publicly accessible. It should include information on rent, space availability, owner and management information, and general mobile home park lease agreement and rules. The virtual map will share accurate information with the public and guide the county in prioritizing actions to address regional infrastructure needs, including the permitting status and infrastructure requirements of Polanco Parks. Furthermore, funding is needed for the Polanco Park Rehabilitation Loan Program, the Polanco Park Property Management Education Program, and the Mobile Home Tenant Loan Assistance Program. These funds will support the revitalization of Mobile Home Parks and Polancos, as well as severely dilapidated mobile home units.

Now that the Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds have been exhausted, per the Housing Element, the County must collaborate with local community groups to develop a more robust eviction prevention program based on the lessons learned from the previous implementation of the program via UnitedLift. The County should also fund and establish a centralized, user-friendly webpage where families can easily find and access rental assistance resources.

This webpage should provide clear information on available programs, eligible criteria, application procedures, and contact details for support. This will improve access and ensure that families can quickly and easily obtain the resources they need.

By ensuring adequate funding for the planning and implementation of these efforts, the maintenance of current housing resources, and eviction prevention, the County can create a balanced and sustainable approach to meeting the housing needs of all its residents.



## II. Increase Discretionary Funding for Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

Only .8% (\$10 million) of all discretionary funding is allocated toward the Unincorporated Communities Initiative<sup>2</sup> while 17% of the County's population resides in unincorporated communities.<sup>3</sup> This stark imbalance perpetuates historical underfunding in disadvantaged unincorporated communities like Thermal, Oasis, North Shore, and Mecca in the Eastern Coachella Valley. These communities face numerous needs for basic services and infrastructure, which have detrimental impacts on their day-to-day life and overall quality of life. These challenges become more dire with the accelerating impacts of the climate crisis and the accompanying extreme weather events, which further expose and endanger already vulnerable communities.

The Unincorporated Communities Initiative is a vital source of funding that targets these communities and ensures sustained and targeted investments that can address their numerous needs. Several plans have been completed in collaboration with residents in the region, detailing specific community priorities identified by the communities themselves. These plans include the Thermal and Oasis Mobility Plan, Mecca and North Shore Mobility Plan, and the Climate Resilience Action Plan. Community priorities must be funded via this initiative and other available funds, as well as, by pursuing appropriate grants.

A project of significant priority is the development of a second access road into the community of North Shore to enhance community safety during extreme weather events. On November 1, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the allocation of \$250,000 of Unincorporated Communities Initiative funds for a feasibility study related to this project, which is currently in its final stages. The continuation and subsequent construction of this road must be funded.

Equally significant is the need for wastewater infrastructure across the community of North Shore. The Housing Element states that "The County commits to contribute at least \$75 million of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds towards the expansion of sewer and water infrastructure in unincorporated Riverside County."<sup>4</sup> We ask that the County explore funding like the Unincorporated Communities Initiative, the funds referenced in the Housing Element, and other potential funds for the development of this project, in collaboration with the Coachella Valley Water District.

We urge the Board to consider these vulnerable communities and increase investment in basic needs and critical infrastructure. The current recommended budget for the Unincorporated Communities Initiative is not adequate to address all these concerns.

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<sup>2</sup> See *Supra* note 2 at pg. 52.

<sup>3</sup> See *id.* at pg. 5.

<sup>4</sup> 2021-2029 Riverside County Housing Element, Chapter 8, Table H-2, p. H-10.



### III. Irresponsible Use of Public Funds by the Sheriff's Department

As the body responsible for approving the Sheriff's Department budget, the Board of Supervisors has a responsibility to exercise increased oversight and scrutiny of the Riverside Sheriff's Department (RSD) in the face of the Department's documented and sustained abuses of public funds. Between expensive lawsuits, a Department of Justice investigation<sup>5</sup>, and irresponsible allocation of staff salaries, the Department's abuses of County residents present a massive cost to taxpayers. However, this Board is voting on yet another potential increase in the Department's funding.

According to a Washington Post investigation, RSD has cost the County upwards of \$77 million for police misconduct (\$63 million for excessive force and \$12 million for false arrests) between 2010 and 2020.<sup>6</sup> With 2.5 million residents, Riverside County spent significantly more (\$77M) than nearby Orange County, which has 3.2 million residents but only paid out \$14 million. Some RSD deputies were repeatedly responsible for settlements. Deputy Frederick Martinez<sup>7</sup> had three cases of excessive force that totaled \$2.3 million. In December of 2023, the County agreed to pay \$7.5 Million to the family of Christopher Zumwalt<sup>8</sup> who tragically died in custody at the hands of Sheriff Deputies. These figures omit the numerous additional pending lawsuits by families who tragically lost loved ones in Riverside County custody in 2022 and 2023, some of the deadliest years for people incarcerated in our County jails.<sup>9</sup>

RSD staff time is also spent irresponsibly, leaving the community less safe and with fewer taxpayer dollars spent on much-needed services. Sheriff's deputies spend the vast majority of their time (87%) targeting community members for stops that deputies themselves initiate, rather than responding to calls for service from the public.<sup>10</sup> Less than one percent of these stops were based on suspicion of a crime that would qualify as a felony. These counterproductive practices cost the County more than \$392 million in patrol salaries. Now, the County recommends nearly

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<sup>5</sup> "Attorney General Bonta Launches Civil Rights Investigation into Riverside County Sheriff's Office" February 23, 2023. California Department of Justice.

<https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-launches-civil-rights-investigation-riverside-county>

<sup>6</sup> "Riverside County paid \$77M in settlements for police misconduct: report," March 12, 2022. News Channel 3.

<https://kesq.com/news/2022/03/11/riverside-county-paid-77m-in-settlements-for-police-misconduct-report/#:~:text=From%202010%20to%202020%2C%20Riverside.%2C%20Phoenix%2C%20Dallas%20and%20Miami>

<sup>7</sup>Id.

<sup>8</sup> "Jail Death Lawsuit Is Settled for \$7.5 Million Amid California Inquiry," May 21, 2024. The New York Times.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/17/us/california-riverside-jail-death-lawsuit.html>

<sup>9</sup> "Federal lawsuits mount against Riverside County sheriff over surge in jail deaths," June 1, 2023. Desert Sun.

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<sup>10</sup> "Reimagining Community Safety in California," October 2022. ACLU SoCal.

[https://www.aclusocal.org/sites/default/files/catalyst\\_ca\\_aclu\\_reimagining\\_community\\_safety\\_2022.pdf](https://www.aclusocal.org/sites/default/files/catalyst_ca_aclu_reimagining_community_safety_2022.pdf)



13% (\$ 155 million)<sup>11</sup> of all discretionary funding to be allocated for sheriff patrol.<sup>12</sup> This money would be far better spent on solutions that keep people housed, fed, and secure—like the Homeless Housing Relief fund.

Local press such as the Desert Sun<sup>13</sup> and the Press Enterprise<sup>14</sup>, in addition to advocacy groups and impacted community members, have called for increased oversight<sup>15</sup> of a Department that has consistently made headlines for its abuses of power<sup>16</sup>. The decision to increase our public investment in this Department, when other public services continue to go underfunded is a statement of the Board's priorities.

#### **IV. Increase Greater Transparency to Ensure Meaningful Public Engagement in the Budget Process**

We are concerned that the public hearing and adoption of the Recommended Budget took place across two days: June 10 and June 11, 2024. There should have been ample time between the release of the Recommended Budget, any budget hearings held, and the adoption of the budget.

The County should strive for meaningful public engagement by ensuring that the public has enough time to digest and analyze the budget before any budget hearings are held. This will allow the public to thoughtfully think through questions, concerns, and suggestions they may have for the Board. Additionally, and equally as necessary, the adoption of the budget should occur only when public feedback has been appropriately considered and there is room for revision.

Currently, the County of Riverside does not practice this. After internal correspondence with the County's Administrative Office to learn more about the budget process, we learned the following information:

1. The 2024-25 Recommended Budget was posted on the County's website on May 30, 2024.
2. The public hearing and adoption of the Recommended Budget will take place on June 10 and 11, 2024.

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<sup>11</sup> *Supra* note 2, at pg 51.

<sup>12</sup> *Supra* note 2, at pg. 5.

<sup>13</sup> "After 19 in-custody deaths, a Sheriff's oversight commission must be established," January 29, 2023. Desert Sun. <https://www.desertsun.com/story/opinion/editorials/2023/01/29/riverside-county-needs-a-sheriffs-department-oversight-commission/69848747007/>

<sup>14</sup> "Riverside County needs a sheriff's oversight commission, now." June 4, 2023. Press Enterprise. <https://www.pressenterprise.com/2023/06/04/riverside-county-needs-a-sheriffs-oversight-commission-now>

<sup>15</sup> <https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/politics/2024/03/05/calls-for-riverside-county-sheriff-oversight-gain-traction-in-board-of-supervisor-race->

<sup>16</sup> "Riverside County's scandal-plagued sheriff's department needs serious reform" March 30, 2023. Press Enterprise.

<https://www.pressenterprise.com/2023/03/30/riverside-countys-scandal-plagued-sheriffs-department-needs-serious-reform/>

Effectively, this process closes off meaningful public engagement. The County only gave approximately one week for the public to read and analyze the budget. This is half of the already short time period given by the Board last year. This quick turnaround period coupled with the Board's ability to adopt the budget on the same day of the public hearing, without being required to make further revisions, signals the Board's lack of commitment to incorporating public feedback.

Additionally, further correspondence with the County shows insufficient publicization of the public hearing. Unless an individual navigates through the complex process to find the Board of Supervisors' next meeting online and understands that it is for the budget, the only other way to find information is through reading the newspaper.

The Board can look to the County of San Diego's Open Budget website<sup>17</sup> Unlike Riverside, the County of San Diego provides multiple touchpoint options for public engagement, with a mix of online and in-person opportunities. Additionally, approximately 6 weeks are allocated to public engagement before a revised budget is drafted and released to the public. The final adoption of the budget does not occur until 7 weeks after the release of the recommended budget. Accordingly, the County of Riverside should adopt similar practices to increase transparency and public engagement in its public budgeting process.

To conclude, we strongly urge the County Supervisors to increase the investment of our discretionary funding into Housing, IHSS, MISP, Workforce Development, and other critical services instead of directing these funds to the Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement entities. Further, we ask the board to create a more transparent budgeting process that fosters meaningful engagement from County residents.

In Community,

Starting Over Inc., San Geronio Chapter Sierra Club, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, Lideres Campesinas, ACLU SoCal, Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity, Starting Over Strong, Inland Region Housing Justice Coalition, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, Inland Coalition For Immigrant Justice, and IEUnited, Todec Legal Center Inc, Sheriff Accountability Coalition, and The Public Interest Law Project

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<sup>17</sup> San Diego County Open Budget website <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/openbudget/en/home.html>



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**Re: Updated - County of Riverside's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025**

CC: Jeffrey Van Wagenen, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Board Chair Washington and Board of Supervisors,

At the Riverside County Board of Supervisors Budget Hearing on June 10, 2024, many of your constituents voiced their requests and feedback regarding the 2024-2025 Recommended Budget. **We are urging the Board of Supervisors to include the community's funding recommendations in the 2024-2025 Budget and increase community participation in the budget process.** This letter contains additional discretionary funding recommendations and information.

The ACLU of Southern California urges the Board to make the following recommended changes to its budget to better support unhoused community members and to help ensure access to permanent housing for everyone in our community. We also ask the Board to stop increasing funding for the Sheriff's Department, and instead increase oversight amidst the department's documented abuses of public funds. Lastly, we urge the Board to improve its budgeting process by allowing for greater transparency and public engagement.

### **I. Increase Discretionary Funding to Housing and Homelessness Initiatives**

To address the scale of our County's housing crisis, Riverside County must invest significantly more funding in housing initiatives. Of the \$1.2 billion Discretionary General Funding available for FY 2024-25, the Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions only receives 0.2% (\$2,473,440) of this funding.<sup>1</sup> **Despite an increase of \$100 million in Discretionary General Funding from FY 2023-24,<sup>2</sup> we do not see a corresponding increase in funding to housing and homelessness initiatives.**

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<sup>1</sup> 2024-2025 *Recommended Budget*, Vol. I, at pg. 52.

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<sup>2</sup> 2024-2025 *Recommended Budget*, Vol. I, at pg. 25.

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### III. Increase Oversight of the Sheriff's Department

The County budget presents a unique opportunity for the Board to increase accountability for the Riverside Sheriff's Department (RSD). It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that our tax dollars do not continue to fund rogue practices that create costly liability for the County.<sup>9</sup> Out of the proposed \$1.2 billion discretionary fund for 2024-2025, 37% of discretionary funding (nearly \$449 million)<sup>10</sup> is allocated to the RSD. This represents an almost 8% increase (+\$32.6 million) in spending from the 2023-24 Adopted Budget.<sup>11</sup> Increasing the budget without implementing robust oversight mechanisms can perpetuate inefficiencies and abuses within the department. **As such, we urge the Board, that if it is set on increasing the budget for the Department, that you accompany it with robust oversight in the form of a civilian review board and creation of an office of Inspector General.**

### IV. Increase Greater Transparency and Public Engagement in the Budgeting Process

We strongly urge the Board to revise its budgeting process to increase transparency and public engagement in the budget cycle. The Recommended Budget for the fiscal year was released to the public on May 30, 2024. Then it was heard and approved over a period of two days: June 10 and 11, 2024. This is not enough time for the public to review the Budget, nor is it enough time for the Board to incorporate public feedback.

The Board can look to the County of San Diego's Open Budget website as one example of a County with greater transparency. The County of San Diego's Open Budget website contains greater resources explaining the budget process.<sup>12</sup> Additionally, their budget timeline spans across two months with multiple touchpoints for public engagement in the process. Similarly, the County of Riverside should ensure sufficient time is allocated for public engagement before a revision of the budget is drafted and released to the public. The County should also provide ample time between the release of the recommended budget and the approval of the budget to incorporate input and feedback from the public.

We volunteer our services to assist the County in outreach and inform the community about the proposed budget process, and we believe other community groups throughout the region share a desire to inform their members about the County's budgeting process. This public engagement effort could include community meetings, town halls, mailers, social media posts, and Q&A sessions. We look forward to working with the County to facilitate public engagement in future budgets.

### V. Conclusion

To conclude, the ACLU of Southern California strongly urges the Board to **ramp up investments that are dedicated to a "Housing First" approach and initiatives that will ensure affordable, stable, and permanent housing for unhoused people and community members experiencing housing insecurity.** We also ask the Board to **increase oversight efforts for the Sheriff's Department.** Lastly, we urge the

<sup>9</sup> Jake Ingrassia, *Riverside County paid \$77M in settlements for police misconduct: report*, News Channel 3. (Mar. 12, 2022), <https://kesq.com/news/2022/03/11/riverside-county-paid-77m-in-settlements-for-police-misconduct-report/#:~:text=From%202010%20to%202020%2C%20Riverside.%2C%20Phoenix%2C%20Dallas%20and%20Miami>

<sup>10</sup> 2024-2025 *Recommended Budget*, Vol. I, at pg. 51.

<sup>11</sup> See 2023-2024 *Adopted Budget*, Vol. I, at pg. 55.

<sup>12</sup> See San Diego County, *San Diego County Open Budget*, (2024), <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/openbudget/en/home.html>.



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Please find the attached public comment letter from the ACLU of Southern California regarding the **updated** 2024-2025 recommended budget. This letter is a supplemental letter to the one you received on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

We would appreciate confirmation of receipt of this email and as always do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you.

**Luis Nolasco (he/him)**  
*Senior Policy Advocate & Organizer*  
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