

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



ITEM: 3.3  
(ID # 26232)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, October 22, 2024

FROM : SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ

**SUBJECT:** BOS DISTRICT 4: Approve the Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project and Direct the Executive Office to pay \$17,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Fund to the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine to support project funding, District 4. [\$17,000 Total Cost – 100% District 4 Unincorporated Communities Initiative/General Fund] (4/5 Vote Required)

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

1. Approve the Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project outlined below; and
2. Direct the Executive Office to pay \$17,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund to the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine.

**ACTION:Policy**


  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 10/16/2024

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**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: None  
Date: October 22, 2024  
xc: BOS- Dist. 4, 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>	\$ 17,000	\$ 0	\$ 17,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 17,000	\$ 0	\$ 17,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% Unincorporated Community Fund			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> N/A	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 24/25	

**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 UCI 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 the allocation of \$10,000,000 in NCC General Funds to the Unincorporated Communities Initiative. The \$10,000,000 was 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 this office, \$17,000 of the remaining available UCI funding for the Fourth District will be allocated to the following project:

- \$17,000 to the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) to assist with interior repairs at their Indio Medical Center located at 82915 Avenue 48, Indio CA.

Coachella Valley VIM is the only free healthcare center providing healthcare to medically underserved Coachella Valley adult residents. Coachella Valley VIM is a member of Volunteers in Medicine, a national nonprofit alliance with more than 90 free clinics across the U.S. The Indio Medical Center services all Coachella Valley residents, including residents of unincorporated Riverside County.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The Coachella Valley VIM is proposing to complete repairs to their Indio Medical Office located at 82915 Avenue 48, Indio CA. The repairs include the installation of two interior walls, installation of two interior doors and door frames, and the painting of interior walls and ceilings. The need to maintain a clean and suitable office is critical for the health and safety of its patients and personnel.

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

**Lopez, Daniel**

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**From:** Brad Anderson <ba4612442@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2024 10:42 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Agenda Item: 3.3 of the BOS October 22, 2024 public meeting

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October 21, 2024

Riverside County Board of Supervisors (BOS)  
Riverside, CA.  
Attention: Clerk of the Board

Re: Written letter to be entered in the Public record and made available for public inspection for the October 22, 2024 Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting - Agenda Item: 3.3 (UCI resources being misappropriated)

Dear current BOS members,

This letter is in opposition of this board's recommendation to misguide Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI) funds to the organization of Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine (VIM).

It's been repeatedly demonstrated that fourth district supervisor (Perez) has diverted UCI resources to different organizations that were questionable in nature to receiving UCI funds on many occasions. VIM appears to provide an essential service to many Coachella Valley residents and guests from outside the Riverside County regional area. It's unclear why UCI funds should be expended for construction costs (Seventeen thousand dollars/\$17,000.00) at a City of Indio location (VIM) for increased office spaces.

Please consider that Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) located within the Coachella Valley region should be the organization that VIM should and have on many prior occasions requested Public collected monies from for their selected services that they supply. It's also worth noting that the DHCD officials and Riverside County Supervisor Perez have had close connections that have and continue to raise questions of conflict of interests between government agencies.

Discontinue the clear misapplication of Public collected monies for "pay to play" type of "sweetheart deals" that Riverside County government agencies are now known for.

Sincerely,

Brad Anderson | 37043 Ferber Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA. 92270

Cc: