

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



**ITEM: 3.58  
(ID # 27855)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, May 06, 2025

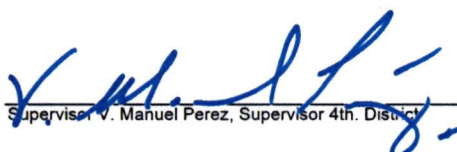
**FROM :** SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ

**SUBJECT:** BOS DISTRICT 4: Approve the Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project and Direct the Executive Office to pay \$25,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Fund to The Exception to support project expansion, District 4. [\$25,000 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 \$25,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund to The Exception.

**ACTION:**Policy

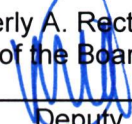
  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 5/2/2025

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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: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: May 6, 2025  
xc: BOS-D4, EO

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>	\$ 25,000	\$ 0	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 25,000	\$ 0	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% General Fund/Unincorporated Community Initiative Funds			<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, \$25,000 of the remaining available UCI funding for the Fourth District will be allocated to the following project:

- \$25,000 to The Exception, a non-profit organization to assist with program expansion at their new office in Palm Desert.

The Exception is a non-profit organization with a mission to optimize the quality of life through a holistic approach of total wellness. As part of their ongoing growth, The Exception is expanding services into the Coachella Valley. In collaboration with local school districts and the Riverside County Probation Department, they have launched a new office in Palm Desert. This regional hub will enable their staff and mentors to provide wraparound support services to youth and families in need.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The Exception program offerings in the Coachella Valley include:

**Reboot** – A personal development program supporting individuals healing from trauma and striving to rebuild their lives with purpose.

**Rise Forward** – A family-centered initiative offering resources and support to strengthen parent engagement, communication, and household resilience.

**Walk With Me Mentorship** – A guided one on one mentorship program for youth and young adults that promotes leadership, life skills, and long-term success through positive relationships. 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.