

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



ITEM: 3.1  
(ID # 29599)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 2

**SUBJECT:** BOS DISTRICT 2: Approve the Second District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project and allocate \$300,000 from the Second District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds to be transferred to the Department of Public Social Services, Children's Services Division (CSD) for the Visitation Rooms Refurbish Project, District 2. [\$300,000 Total Cost – 100% UCI District 2 Fund 11240] (4/5 Vote Required)

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

1. Approve the Second District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project outlined below; and
2. Direct the Executive Office to transfer \$300,000 from the Second District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds to the Department of Public Social Services, Children's Services Division, Visitation Rooms Refurbish Project.

**ACTION:**4/5 Vote Required, Policy


  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Supervisor 2nd District 12/22/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Washington 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: January 13, 2026  
xc: BOS-D2, EO, DPSS

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>	\$300,000	\$ 0	\$300,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$300,000	\$ 0	\$300,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% UCI District 2 Fund 11240</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	25/26

**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.

Based on foundational work completed by the UCI Team and further analysis by this office, \$300,000 of the available UCI District 2 funding will be allocated to the following project:

- Department of Public Social Services, Children’s Services Division, Visitation Rooms Refurbish Project: The visitation rooms play a critical role in supporting safe, positive interactions for children involved in the child protection system. Visitation rooms are often the setting where children reconnect with their parents, siblings, and extended family. The environment directly affects how safe, comfortable and open a child feels during these emotionally significant visits.

UCI funds will be used to create a welcoming and calming environment that helps reduce stress and anxiety for children who may already be experiencing emotional distress. Warm color, child-friendly décor, and age-appropriate toys, games or books can foster comfort and encourage natural, positive engagement. The visitation rooms are located in Lake Elsinore and La Sierra areas of Riverside County. The visitation rooms will also serve the following unincorporated communities in District 2: Canyon Ridge, Coronita, El Cariso, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Gavilan Hills, Home Gardens, Lake Hills, Lake Mathews, Lakeland Village, Rancho Capistrano, Rancho Carrillo, Temescal Valley, Victoria Grove, Warm Springs and Woodcrest.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The Unincorporated Communities initiative aims to enhance infrastructure and services for all unincorporated neighborhoods over the long term. This project is designed to support children and families by offering a safe and welcoming space that encourages positive interactions as they strive for reunification.