

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**24.1**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Jim Niederecker, Greg Langworthy, Shari Franklin, and Veronica Langworthy spoke regarding ROV updates, California voting system standards, and Data Sources.

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**AGENDA NO.  
24.1**



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SPEAKER'S NAME: JIM NIEDEZECKER

Address: PO BOX 890337

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

Phone #: 951-675-3923

Date: 1/13/26 Agenda # N/A PUBLIC COMMENT

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Greg Langworthy

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone #: 951-704-5149

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Shari Frankler

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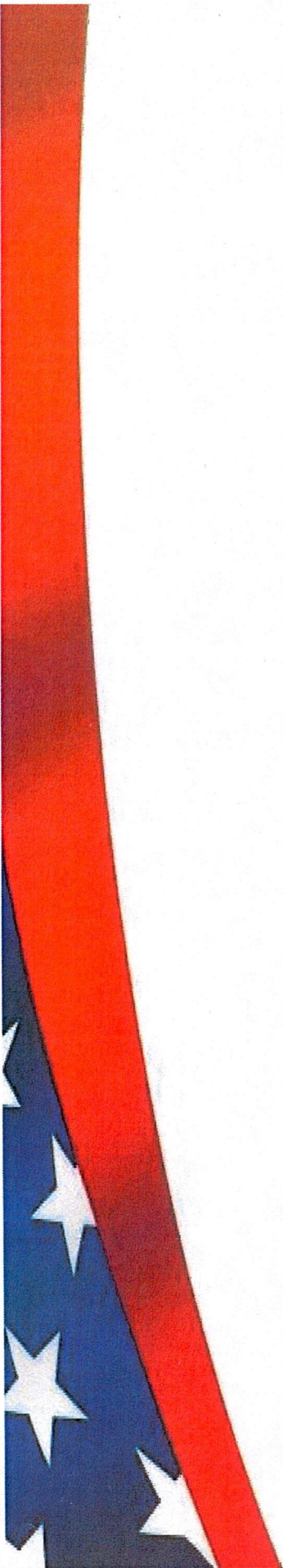
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# 2024 Experian Report UPDATE

RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA  
As of 1/6/2026

Data Results (as of 1/6/26)	Experian Reported	Response from Voter	Still Active
Moved (out of county/state)	58,500	333	58,167
Deceased	1080	38	1042
'No Best Address'	146,406	11,063 undeliverable	135,343
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>205,986</b>	<b>11,434</b>	<b>194,552</b>



Public Comment  
11/13/2026  
Shawn Franklin

- I live in Riverside County and the address(es) above are correct. (Complete Steps 3 & 4)
- I don't live in California. Remove my name from the voter file. (Complete Steps 3 & 4)
- The information above is incorrect. (Complete Steps 2, 3 & 4)

**STEP 2: Correct Your Information**

Current residential address  
(include apt #, no PO Box or Business Address)

Mailing address  
(if different from residential address)

**STEP 3: Signature required - no changes will be made without your signature**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 4: Return This Card**

After completing, **DO NOT separate this card**. Reverse the fold so your signature is on the inside, then tape the top closed. Send back the completed card within 15 days.



**DID YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE?**

We have received notification that you may have moved to a new residence address. You are currently registered and will remain registered to vote at your old address unless you notify our office that the address to which this card was mailed is a change of your permanent residence. Please notify our office in writing by completing the attached postage-paid postcard and returning it to us as soon as possible.

**IF YOU MOVED WITHIN CALIFORNIA:**

Confirm your address using this card. If your new address is in California, we will update your registration and future election materials will be sent to your address. You may also update your address by re-registering to vote at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net) or by calling 1(800)773-8683.

**IF YOU MOVED OUT OF CALIFORNIA:**

Confirm this in step 1 and sign to cancel your registration in California. Contact your local elections official to register to vote in your new state. [www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form](http://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form).

If this is not a permanent residence, and you do not wish to change your address for voting purposes, please

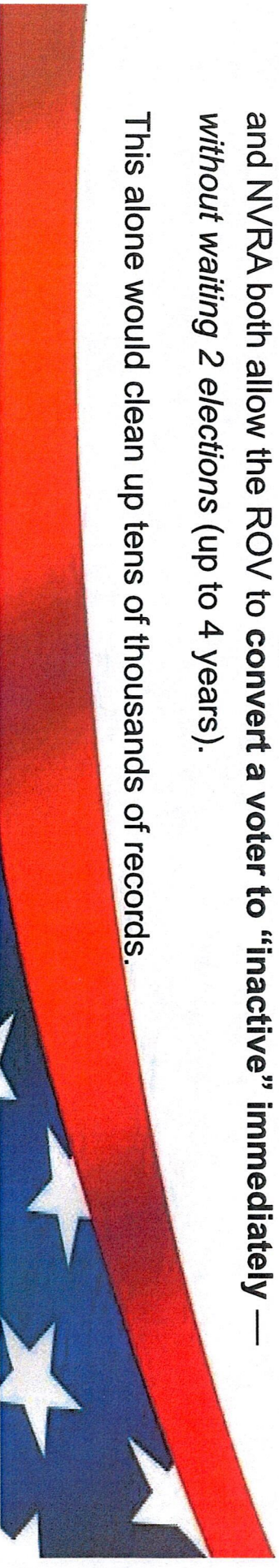
## Data Sources the County CAN Legally Use NOW:

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### **Why this works:**

If two government sources indicate a move (e.g., DMV + NCOA), Elections Code §22224 and NVRA both allow the ROV to convert a voter to “inactive” immediately — *without waiting 2 elections* (up to 4 years).

This alone would clean up tens of thousands of records.



# VOTER ROLL CLEAN UP & MAINTENANCE

## Legally Compliant, *Above-minimum* Solutions

**Requirements:** must have a willing Registrar of Voters (ROV) and Board of Supervisors (BOS)

**Results:** If *implemented immediately*, it can clean up the 200,000+ unverified voter records identified by the Experian sweep.

These solutions stay within California Elections Code, NVRA rules, and VoteCal protocols — **but go far beyond the minimum postcard requirement** that leaves thousands of outdated voters active.

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## 1. Implement a “Multi-Source Address Verification Protocol” (DMV + NCOA + Experian + County Records)

Currently, **only Experian + postcards** were used.

A stronger, legal solution is to **cross-validate every flagged voter with multiple government datasets**, including:

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### Why this works:

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# 2. Conduct a Full “Targeted Confirmation Canvass” for All 200,000+ Flagged Voters

California Elections Code § 2220–2227 allows counties to perform **county-wide or targeted in-person canvassing** to verify voter residency.

### A targeted canvass could include:

- **Sending county staff or contracted canvassers\*** to addresses where:
  - ballots were returned undeliverable,
  - Experian flagged a move,
  - multiple voters are registered at a single-family home,
  - the residence is vacant or classified as commercial.

### Why this works:

If canvassers verify:

- resident moved,
- address vacant,
- or no such person resides there,

... the ROV can **immediately place the voter into “inactive” status.**

NVRA permits this because an in-person canvass is a direct confirmation of non-residency.

▶ Check cost analysis—how much does it cost to mail out ballots to inactive voters, how many ballots are sent out, how much labor would it take to send out staff or \*contract with canvassers to verify (who would they ‘trust’ to verify voters residency, what would the county/state require?)

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### **\*3. Require “Secondary Identity/Residency Verification” for Experian-Flagged Voters**

Under California law, counties can request **additional documentation** when they receive credible information of a move.

**County can require voters to confirm identity/residency using:**

- CA driver license update confirmation
- Utility bill
- Rental/lease agreement
- Property tax record
- Government-issued mail
- Electronic confirmation portal (county-run)

**This is NOT a reinstatement of voter ID — it is a residency verification triggered by credible evidence of a move.**

If the voter fails to respond with *any* documentation, the county may immediately:

- **move them to “inactive,”**
- **or initiate cancellation** if corroborated by other data.

\*NOT recommended: this strategy is confusing. If you send out a request for further verification to a voter who has moved, they will not receive it-unless they have forwarded their mail. Also, this puts the onus on the voter more than the ROV

**VOTER ROLL CLEAN UP & MAINTENANCE**  
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## **4. Adopt a BOS-Approved “Continual Voter Roll Audit Program” (quarterly review)**

The BOS can pass a resolution requiring the ROV to conduct **quarterly reconciliation audits** using:

- DMV COA
- NCOA
- Social Security death master file
- County death certificates
- Property transfers
- Voters registered in *other counties*
- Duplicate identification using multiple attributes (DOB, last 4 SSN, DL#)

### **Why this works:**

Quarterly (not annual) audits find moved/deceased voters sooner, minimizing ballot distribution to wrong locations.

This also creates a long-term, systematic roll-maintenance program rather than a one-time clean-up.

Compare the ‘return on investment’ (ROI) for the Experian audit of the voter rolls where only 59,580 out of county, out of state or deceased voters were flagged, only 371 voters were removed.

The ROV decided to only purchase the 1 year contract (not the 3 year option) with Experian (per email from Alice Kim in agreement with Juan Perez)

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## 5. Implement an “Address Verification Ballot Protocol” (AVBP) for Future Elections

Counties are permitted to require **address confirmation BEFORE issuing a mail ballot** in specific cases.

This is legal under:

- NVRA “list maintenance exception”
- CA Elections Code §§ 2224–2227
- VoteCal match protocols

**Apply AVBP to:**

- all 200,000+ Experian-flagged voters
- voters flagged by NCOA
- voters flagged by DMV COA
- addresses with >6 registered voters
- voters who haven’t voted in 2–3 cycles
- voters with returned mail history

**How it works:**

The voter must confirm residency (simple online form or paper card).

Failing to confirm → **mail ballot withheld**, voter remains eligible for **in-county in-person voting only** until confirmed.

▶ This dramatically reduces ballots being mailed to incorrect addresses. This could be a city council ask—for cities to require the county to do this to reduce their costs

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### 6. Permanent “Returned Mail Tracking System”

Build a system that logs every piece of undeliverable election mail across:

- ballots
- voter guides
- postcards
- address confirmations

▶ Returned mail is one of the strongest allowable triggers for **inactivation**.

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 **Riverside County could lawfully resolve 80–90% of the over 200,000 Experian unverified voter records within one year.**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Flores, Kate**

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**From:** Acquia Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026 8:01 AM  
**To:** vlangworthy29@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Request to Speak Web Submission



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Submitted on January 13, 2026

Submitted values are:

**First Name**

Veronica

**Last Name**

Langworthy

**Address (Street, City and Zip)**

21227 Front St

**Phone**

9517044210

**Email**

vlangworthy29@gmail.com

**Agenda Date**

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**Agenda Item # or Public Comment**

Public Comment

**State your position below**

Neutral

**Do you need a Spanish translator?**

No

**Comments**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: WILDUMAR Zip: 92595

Phone #: 951 970585

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**24.3**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Daryl Terrell spoke regarding Assembly Bill AB476 and concerns of an increase in copper theft.

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**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.  
24.3**

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**Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
Request to Speak**

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Daryl Terrell

Address: 24443 Tierra De Oro St

City: Moreno Valley Zip: 92553

Phone #: 951-214-0050

Date: 1-13-25 Agenda # ~~23~~ 24

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

\_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

**Note:** If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: \_\_\_\_\_

Parking validations available for speakers only – see Clerk of the Board.

(Revised: 04/23/2025)

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**Flores, Kate**

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**From:** Daryl Terrell <darylterrell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2026 11:23 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Request to Enter Into the Public Record – January 13, 2026 Board Meeting – Proposed Copper Unlawful Possession Ordinance Summary  
**Attachments:** Riverside\_Copper\_Ordinance\_Final\_Booklet.pdf; 202520260AB476\_Senate Appropriations 1.pdf; CHAPTERED\_AB 476, Mark González. Metal theft. copy.pdf; Agenda Item 21\_STAFF REPORT\_FRESNO CO COPPER THEFT ORD copy.pdf; FRESNO CO COPPER THEFT ADOPTED ORDINANCE\_No. 25-008 copy.pdf; KERN CO COPPER UNLAWFUL POSSESSION ORD STAFF REPORT AND ORD copy.pdf; Riverside\_Copper\_Ordinance\_Cover\_Letter\_Revised.pdf; Riverside\_County\_Copper\_Unlawful\_Possession\_Ordinance\_Summary.pdf

Dear Clerk of the Board,

I respectfully submit the attached document titled “Summary of Proposed Copper Unlawful Possession and Transportation Ordinance – County of Riverside” for inclusion in the official public record of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for January 13, 2026.

This submission is intended to support the Board’s consideration of potential policy options to address the theft and unlawful possession of commercial-grade copper infrastructure within Riverside County. The proposed ordinance summarized in the attached document is modeled after measures adopted by Fresno and Kern Counties and is designed to supplement existing state law, including AB 476, by addressing an identified enforcement gap while preserving protections for lawful recycling and legitimate commercial activity.

I respectfully request that this document be:

- Entered into the public record for the January 13, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting,
- Associated with the appropriate meeting file(s) and agenda materials, and
- Made available to the Board of Supervisors and relevant County departments for review.

Please advise if any additional formatting, labeling, or procedural steps are required to ensure proper filing and inclusion in the official record.

Thank you for your assistance and for your service in maintaining the official records of Riverside County.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl Terrell

Sent from my iPhone

# **SUBMISSION FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD**

**Riverside County Board of Supervisors**  
January 13, 2026

**Summary of a Proposed Copper Unlawful Possession and Transportation Ordinance**

**Submitted By:** Daryl Terrell  
**Submission Date:** January 13, 2026

## **Cover Letter**

This submission is respectfully provided for inclusion in the official public record of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. It is intended to assist the Board and County staff in evaluating policy options related to copper theft and the protection of critical infrastructure.

## **Ordinance Summary**

The proposed Copper Unlawful Possession and Transportation Ordinance is designed to supplement existing state law by addressing individual possession and transportation of commercial-grade copper commonly associated with theft, while exempting lawful businesses.

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

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### AB 476 (Mark González) - Metal theft

Version: July 16, 2025

Policy Vote: B., P. & E.D. 11 - 0, PUB. S.  
6 - 0

Urgency: No

Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: August 18, 2025

Consultant: Janelle Miyashiro

**Bill Summary:** AB 476 establishes the crime of organized metal theft, expands prohibitions for junk dealers and recyclers to be in possession of various types of scrap metal previously owned by a public utility provider or public agency, expands additional record-keeping requirements for junk dealers and recyclers, and increases fines for individuals and organized metal theft crimes related to scrap metal theft.

#### Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown, potentially significant cost pressures to the state funded trial court system to adjudicate alleged violations of this measure (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund). The fiscal impact of this bill to the courts will depend on many unknowns, including the number of cases filed and the factors unique to each case. An eight-hour court day costs approximately \$10,500 in staff in workload. If court days exceed 10, costs to the trial courts could reach hundreds of thousands of dollars. While the courts are not funded on a workload basis, an increase in workload could result in delayed court services and would put pressure on the General Fund to fund additional staff and resources and to increase the amount appropriated to backfill for trial court operations.
- Unknown, potentially significant costs (local funds) to the counties to incarcerate people for the crimes created by this bill. The average annual cost to incarcerate one person in county jail varies by county, but likely ranges from \$70,000 to \$90,000 per year. The average annual cost to incarcerate one person in county jail varies by county, but likely ranges from \$70,000 to \$90,000 per year. Actual incarceration costs to counties will depend on the number of convictions and the length of each sentence. Generally, county incarceration costs are not reimbursable state mandates pursuant to Proposition 30 (2012).
- The Department of Justice does not anticipate any significant costs.

**Background:** AB 844 (Berryhill, Chapter 731, Statutes of 2008) imposed additional recordkeeping requirements and payment restrictions on junk dealers and recyclers when purchasing nonferrous materials. Junk dealers and recyclers are required to follow strict guidelines regarding the retention of records, payment for materials, the photography or video of items being purchased, and the collection of identification and thumbprints of sellers, among others. Additionally, payment is restricted to a check mailed to the seller; a general use prepaid card, or a cash or check payment that can be collected by the seller three days after the date of sale. The payment restrictions are exempted for individuals redeeming nonferrous materials with a value less than \$20 in a

single transaction, when the primary purpose of the transaction is the redemption of beverage containers, or if the junk dealer and seller completed five or more transactions per month.

The rise of metal theft in the early 2000s led California to pass a number of laws aimed at curtailing metal theft. Included in those laws, were a number of requirements placed upon junk dealers and recyclers. These include paying additional fees when applying for a weighmasters license; requiring recyclers or junk dealers to register with ScrapTheftAlert.com or its successor agency, requiring junk dealers or recyclers collect certain information from sellers including thumb prints and photographs; requiring individuals selling certain nonferrous materials to provide proof of ownership when selling those items; and limiting payment for nonferrous materials to either cash or check after a three-day waiting period.

#### **Proposed Law:**

- Requires every junk dealer and recycler to additionally include the time of the transaction, the amount paid, and the name of the employee handling the transaction in the written record of all sales and purchases made on the course of their business.
  - Adds additional identifying information about the item to be included in the record, including the number of units, weight, etchings or markings, and serial numbers, as well as identifying information on a signed statement from the seller.
- Adds the following to the current list of prohibited items (fire hydrant or fire department connection, manhole cover, or backflow device) that a junk dealer or recycler may not possess:
  - Reasonably recognizable street lights, traffic signals, and their reasonably recognizable related equipment, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
    - Controller devices.
    - Light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures.
    - Ornamental or historical, modern, or pedestrian poles made of concrete, steel, brass, cast iron, or aluminum.
    - Solar street lighting components, such as solar panels, steel poles, and battery packs.
    - Colocation equipment.
    - Conductors, wiring, and cabling, including fiber optic cables.
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- Water meters and water meter components.
  
- Increases the range of penalties for a junk dealer or recycler, or employee thereof, who knowingly buys or receives specified nonferrous materials who knew or should have reasonably known the material belonged to a railroad, utility or a government entity, from \$1,000 to \$5,000 as specified.
  
- Makes any person who is engaged in the salvage, recycling, purchase or sale of metal and who possess any of the specified prohibited items above guilty of a crime, as specified, and increases the penalty fine from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
  
- Establishes the crime of organized metal theft, which is defined as the commission of specified acts, punishable as follows:
  - If violations related to acting in concert or acting as an agent are committed on two or more separate occasions within a 12-month period, and if the aggregated value of the metal stolen, received, purchased, or possessed within that 12-month period exceeds \$950, the offense is punishable as a wobbler.
  
  - Any other violation relating to acting in concert or acting as an agent is punishable as an aggravated misdemeanor.
  
  - A violation related to other prohibited conduct (recruiting, coordinating, organizing, etc.) is punishable as a wobbler.
  
- Specifies the factors that may be considered when determining whether a defendant acted in concert with another person or persons, as specified.
  
- Make other technical and nonsubstantive changes.

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## Assembly Bill No. 476

### CHAPTER 694

An act to amend Sections 21606 and 21609.1 of the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Sections 496a and 496e of the Penal Code, relating to metal theft.

[Approved by Governor October 13, 2025. Filed with Secretary of State October 13, 2025.]

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 476, Mark González. Metal theft.

Existing law governs the business of buying, selling, and dealing in secondhand and used machinery and all ferrous and nonferrous scrap metals and alloys, also known as “junk.” Existing law requires junk dealers and recyclers to keep a written record of all sales and purchases made in the course of their business, including the place and date of each sale or purchase of junk and a description of the item or items, as specified. Existing law requires the written record to include a statement indicating either that the seller of the junk is the owner of it, or the name of the person they obtained the junk from, as shown on a signed transfer document. Existing law prohibits a junk dealer or recycler from providing payment for nonferrous materials until the junk dealer or recycler obtains a copy of a valid driver’s license of the seller or other specified identification. Existing law requires a junk dealer or recycler to preserve the written record for at least 2 years. Existing law makes a violation of the recordkeeping requirements a misdemeanor.

This bill would require junk dealers and recyclers to include additional information in the written record, including the time and amount paid for each sale or purchase of junk made, and the name of the employee handling the transaction. The bill would revise the type of information required to be included in the description of the item or items of junk purchased or sold, as specified. The bill would require the statement referenced above indicating ownership or the name of the person from whom the seller obtained the junk from to be signed.

Existing law prohibits a junk dealer or recycler from possessing certain materials, including a fire hydrant or manhole cover or lid, without written certification from the agency owning or previously owning the material specifying that the agency has either sold the material or is offering the material for sale, salvage, or recycling and that the person is authorized to negotiate the sale of the material. Existing law makes it a crime for any person who is engaged in the salvage, recycling, purchase, or sale of scrap metal to possess specified items, including a fire hydrant or a manhole cover or lid, that were owned or previously owned by specified public entities and

that have been stolen or obtained in a manner constituting theft or extortion, knowing the property to be stolen or obtained in that manner, or to fail to report possession of those items, as specified. A person who violates those provisions is subject to a criminal fine of not more than \$3,000.

This bill would expand the list of materials and items subject to those provisions to include, among other things, items reasonably recognizable as street lights and related equipment, and would increase the maximum amount of the criminal fine to \$5,000.

Existing law makes a person who is a dealer in or collector of junk, metals, or secondhand materials, or their agent, employee, or representative, who buys or receives any wire, cable, copper, lead, solder, mercury, iron, or brass that the person knows or reasonably should know is used by or belongs to specified entities, including a railroad, certain utility companies, or a public entity engaged in furnishing public utility service, without using due diligence to ascertain that the person selling or delivering that material has a legal right to do so, guilty of criminally receiving that property and, in addition to imprisonment, makes that act punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

This bill would instead make the act punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

By expanding the scope of existing crimes, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 21606 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

21606. (a) Every junk dealer and every recycler shall set out in the written record required by this article all of the following:

(1) The place, date, time, and amount paid of each sale or purchase of junk made in the conduct of their business as a junk dealer or recycler and the name of the employee handling the transaction.

(2) One of the following methods of identification:

(A) The name, valid driver's license number, and state of issue or California- or United States-issued identification card number.

(B) The name, identification number, and country of issue from a passport used for identification and the address from an additional item of identification that also bears the seller's name.

(C) The name and identification number from a Matricula Consular used for identification and the address from an additional item of identification that also bears the seller's name.

(3) The vehicle license number, including the state of issue, of any motor vehicle used in transporting the junk to the junk dealer's or recycler's place of business.

(4) The name and address of each person to whom junk is sold or disposed of, and the license number of any motor vehicle used in transporting the junk from the junk dealer's or recycler's place of business.

(5) A description of the item or items of junk purchased or sold, including the item type, weight, identifying marks engraved or etched on the metal, if any and readily visible, and serial numbers, if any and readily visible.

(6) A signed statement indicating either that the seller of the junk is the owner of it, or the name of the person the seller obtained the junk from, as shown on a signed transfer document.

(b) Any person who makes, or causes to be made, any false or fictitious statement regarding any information required by this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) Every junk dealer and every recycler shall report the information required in subdivision (a) to the chief of police or to the sheriff in the same manner as described in Section 21628.

SEC. 2. Section 21609.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

21609.1. (a) A junk dealer or recycler shall not possess any of the following material that was owned or previously owned by an agency, in the absence of a written certification on the letterhead of the agency owning or previously owning the material described in the certification that the agency has either sold the material described or is offering the material for sale, salvage, or recycling, and that the person possessing the certification and identified in the certification is authorized to negotiate the sale of that material:

(1) A fire hydrant or any reasonably recognizable part of a fire hydrant.

(2) A fire department connection, including, but not limited to, reasonably recognizable bronze or brass fittings and parts.

(3) A maintenance hole cover or lid or reasonably recognizable part of a maintenance hole cover or lid.

(4) Backflow devices and connections to that device, or any part of that device.

(5) Reasonably recognizable street lights, traffic signals, and their reasonably recognizable related equipment, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(A) Controller devices.

(B) Light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures.

(C) Ornamental or historical, modern, or pedestrian poles made of concrete, steel, brass, cast iron, or aluminum.

(D) Solar street lighting components, such as solar panels, steel poles, and battery packs.

(E) Colocation equipment.

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- (10) Stormwater pump station instrumentation and controls.
- (11) Irrigation wiring.
- (12) Plaques.
- (13) Communications or broadband infrastructure or equipment.
- (14) Electric vehicle chargers.
- (15) Water meters and water meter components.

(b) A junk dealer or recycler who unknowingly takes possession of one or more of the items listed in subdivision (a) as part of a load of otherwise nonprohibited materials without a written certification has a duty to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency by the end of the next business day upon discovery of the prohibited material. Written certification shall relieve the junk dealer or recycler from any civil or criminal penalty for possession of the prohibited material. The prohibited material shall be set aside and not sold pending a determination made by a law enforcement agency pursuant to Section 21609.

(c) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Agency" means a public agency, city, county, city and county, special district, or private utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission.

(2) "Appropriate law enforcement agency" means either of the following:

(A) The police chief of the city, or their designee, if the item or items listed in subdivision (a) are located within the territorial limits of an incorporated city.

(B) The sheriff of the county or their designee if the item or items listed are located within the county but outside the territorial limits of an incorporated city.

(3) "Written certification" means a certification in written form by the junk dealer or recycler to a law enforcement agency, including electronic mail, facsimile, or a letter delivered in person or by certified mail.

SEC. 3. Section 496a of the Penal Code is amended to read:

496a. (a) Every person who is a dealer in or collector of junk, metals, or secondhand materials, or the agent, employee, or representative of such dealer or collector, and who buys or receives any wire, cable, copper, lead, solder, mercury, iron, or brass which they know or reasonably should know is ordinarily used by or ordinarily belongs to a railroad or other transportation, telephone, telegraph, gas, water, or electric light company, or a county, city, city and county, or other political subdivision of this state engaged in furnishing public utility service, without using due diligence to ascertain that the person selling or delivering the same has a legal right to do so, is guilty of criminally receiving that property, and shall be punished

by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment, or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170, or by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(b) Any person who buys or receives material pursuant to subdivision (a) shall obtain evidence of their identity from the seller, including, but not limited to, that person's full name, signature, address, driver's license number, and vehicle license number, and the license number of the vehicle delivering the material.

(c) The record of the transaction shall include an appropriate description of the material purchased and the record shall be maintained pursuant to Section 21607 of the Business and Professions Code.

SEC. 4. Section 496e of the Penal Code is amended to read:

496e. (a) Any person who is engaged in the salvage, recycling, purchase, or sale of scrap metal and who possesses any of the following items that were owned or previously owned by any public agency, city, county, city and county, special district, or private utility that have been stolen or obtained in any manner constituting theft or extortion, knowing the property to be so stolen or obtained, or fails to report possession of the items pursuant to Section 21609.1 of the Business and Professions Code, is guilty of a crime:

- (1) A fire hydrant or any reasonably recognizable part of that hydrant.
- (2) Any fire department connection, including, but not limited to, reasonably recognizable bronze or brass fittings and parts.
- (3) Maintenance hole covers or lids, or any reasonably recognizable part of those maintenance hole covers and lids.
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(b) A person who violates subdivision (a) shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, be subject to a criminal fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

SEC. 5. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.



# Board Agenda Item 21

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DATE: April 22, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Supervisor Garry Bredefeld, District 2  
Supervisor Nathan Magsig, District 5

SUBJECT: Adoption of Amendment to the Ordinance Code of Fresno County, Adding Chapter 6.27, "ILLEGAL POSSESSION OR TRANSPORTATION OF COMMERCIAL COPPER WIRE"

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1. Conduct second hearing and adopt an Ordinance to amend the Fresno County Ordinance Code, Title 6, to add Chapter 6.27, "ILLEGAL POSSESSION OR TRANSPORTATION OF COMMERCIAL COPPER WIRE"; and waive reading of the Ordinance in its entirety**

The recommended action which will add Chapter 6.27, "Junk Dealers, Secondhand Dealers, Used Goods Dealers, Itinerant Dealers, and Flea Markets Ordinance" of Title 6, "Business Licenses and Regulations" of the Ordinance Code of Fresno County to facilitate and support law enforcement efforts to combat the theft and vandalism of commercial grade energy transmission and telecommunications infrastructure within the unincorporated areas. The recommended ordinance would define "commercial grade" telecommunications cable as having 50 or more pairs of conductors in a single cable. The ordinance would define "scrap" as material no longer useful for its intended purpose and primary value for recycling. The ordinance would prohibit receiving, possessing and transporting more than 10 lbs. of commercial grade wire or aluminum wire except by licensed businesses. Commercial grade wire and telecommunications cables are typically sheathed in a protective coating that has markings identifying the lawful owner. The ordinance also prohibits possessing commercial grade wire stripped of its protective sheathing and prohibits the act of stripping commercial grade wire of its protective sheathing, except by a licensed business. Violations would be punishable as a misdemeanor, through civil penalties, or through administrative fines of \$500 to \$1,000 per violation. The recommended ordinance would also deem violations to be a public nuisance. The ordinance would find and declare that the theft of copper and aluminum components from energy transmission and telecommunications infrastructure in the unincorporated areas damages vital agricultural businesses, threatens public safety, and causes millions of dollars annually in damage to local businesses. The ordinance finds and declares that existing California law is inadequate to combat these issues, because it primarily regulates recycling businesses rather than individuals, whereas most theft is committed by individuals with no business affiliation. Because state law already regulates businesses, the ordinance finds and declares that it is intended to supplement state law by regulating individuals, and exempts lawful businesses, such as agricultural operations, utilities, contractors, and licensed junk dealers or recyclers. Finally, the ordinance declares that its purpose and intent is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to impose consequences for the theft and vandalism of vital infrastructure on those who commit such unlawful acts. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Your Board could determine not to approve the recommended actions; however, the administrative fines,

criminal and civil penalties would not be in place for the violations stipulated in this ordinance. Theft within the unincorporated areas would remain unlawful under the current ordinance code and state law, but the burden of proving these violations would remain a significant hurdle to enforcement. As an additional alternative action, your Board may continue the actions with direction to County Counsel and other responsible County department staff to further revise the recommended ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions. Patrol and enforcement efforts may incur such impacts or costs in the future, associated with enforcement of the recommended amendment to the ordinance, which may be partially offset by payments of fines. Staff will monitor impacted county departmental budgets accordingly.

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Supervisors finds that commercial agriculture is vital to the economy of the County of Fresno, and that conductive infrastructure, such as power transmission and telecommunication lines are vital to the business and everyday needs of the residents of the County of Fresno, including commercial agricultural. Commercial agricultural businesses rely on conductive lines and cables, often made of copper or aluminum, to convey electricity and information to their business operations, but due to the rural nature of farming, these transmission lines are especially vulnerable to pillaging by thieves seeking to sell them for scrap. The scrap value of this pillaged material is a fraction of its value as infrastructure, and the process of stealing and removing it inflicts substantial costs far exceeding any scrap value, on commercial agricultural businesses and public utilities. It is estimated that copper thieves inflicted over \$3 million in damage to commercial operations in County jurisdiction alone in 2023, not counting any damage to residential or other business properties.

Thieves particularly target components made of copper for its high value as scrap metal. Although thieves do not typically target aluminum components, they nevertheless often damage aluminum components while searching for copper, inflicting substantial costs on commercial agricultural businesses. Thieves will typically strip off, burn off, or otherwise remove protective sheathing with information that identifies the lawful owner and source of the wires or cables. Once the sheathing is removed it is difficult or impossible for law enforcement to identify the lawful owner of the wire or cable. Thieves also remove the sheathing because recyclers pay a higher dollar value for scrap metal without such sheathing.

Existing California law regulates the businesses of junk dealing and recycling, requiring businesses to adhere to comprehensive regulations when accepting scrap metal for recycling, but individuals without a legitimate business purpose are not covered by those laws. However, the theft of copper lines, cables, and related components is overwhelming carried out by individuals acting on their own, with no legitimate business affiliation or purpose. It is the purpose and intent of this chapter to give law enforcement tools to deter, prevent, and punish the theft and vandalism of copper and aluminum lines. It is not the purpose or intent of this chapter to impede or interfere with ordinary and lawful recycling or scrapping.

The recommended ordinance creates misdemeanors, punishable by up to 30 days in County jail and a fine of up to \$1,000 as well as administrative penalties streamlining the administrative remedies for instances of specified copper wire theft. Violations are defined as misdemeanors rather than an infraction because as an infraction, the County is limited by Government Code section 25132 in the amount of administrative fine it can impose for a violation. The fine amounts for any administrative citation issued under this chapter shall be: \$500 for a first violation, \$750 for a second violation within one year of the first violation, and \$1,000 for each violation of the same ordinance within one year of the first violation.

The ordinance establishes three categories of violations, as follows: (1) prohibits receipt, possession, and transportation of commercial grade scrap metal, (2) prohibits receipt, possession, and transportation of stripped commercial grade wire, and (3) prohibits stripping of commercial grade copper wire. Violations

categorized within this ordinance will be subject to enforcement through criminal prosecution, civil action, administrative citation, and civil penalties, as provided, including by injunction.

The recommended ordinance:

- targets individuals operating without connection to a lawful business
- targets quantities (10lbs or more) of “commercial grade” scrap metal highly correlated to theft: “commercial grade” means transmission lines thicker than .15 inches and telecom cables with more than 50 pairs of conductors. Does not apply to miscellaneous scrap metal-only commercial grade.
- prohibits individuals from removing or burning off the protective sheathing from commercial grade wire, an activity highly correlated with theft. Sheathing contains markings identifying the lawful owner.
- prohibits individuals from possessing commercial grade that has had the sheathing removed.
- exempts agricultural businesses and their agents as well as anyone using commercial grade wire for its intended purpose. This ordinance applies to commercial grade scrap metal only.
- does not apply to junk dealers or recyclers as defined by state law; does not apply to contractors or other businesses with a legitimate reason to possess scrap copper; does not apply to itinerant or junk dealers licensed under our Ordinance Code.

This ordinance is extremely specific, targeting individuals with commercial quantities of likely stolen metals. It is not intended to disrupt legitimate recyclers or people who recycle legitimate scrap metal .

With your Board’s approval, the proposed ordinance will take effect 30 days thereafter.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #8, April 8, 2025

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

Ordinance

CAO ANALYST:

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1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2 OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-008

5 AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 6.27 TO THE ORDINANCE CODE OF THE  
6 COUNTY OF FRESNO PERTAINING TO THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION AND  
7 TRANSPORTATION OF COMMERCIAL COPPER WIRE

8 The Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno ordains as follows:

9 **Section 1.** That the Ordinance Code of the County of Fresno is hereby amended by adding  
10 Chapter 27 of Title 6 to read as follows:

11 Chapter 6.27 – ILLEGAL POSSESSION OR TRANSPORTATION OF COMMERCIAL  
12 COPPER WIRE

13 Section 6.27.010 – Title, Purpose, and Intent

14 Section 6.27.020 – Definitions

15 Section 6.27.030 – Receipt, possession and transportation of commercial grade scrap metal

16 Section 6.27.040 – Receipt, possession, and transportation of stripped commercial grade wire

17 Section 6.27.050 – Stripping of commercial grade wire

18 Section 6.27.060 – Enforcement

19 Section 6.27.065 – Licensed Businesses and Proof of Ownership

20 Section 6.27.070 – Reserved

21 Section 6.27.080 – Public Nuisance

22 Section 6.27.090 – Administrative Remedies

23 Section 6.27.100 – Appeals of administrative citations

24 Section 6.27.110 – Civil Actions

25 Section 6.27.120 – Non-exclusive remedy

Section 6.27.130 – Severability

6.27.010 – Title, Purpose, and Intent

22 This Chapter shall be known as the Commercial Grade Scrap Metal Ordinance. The  
23 Board of Supervisors finds that commercial agriculture is vital to the economy of the County of  
24 Fresno. Businesses engaged in commercial agriculture rely upon infrastructure, such as energy  
25 transmission and telecommunication lines, to operate. Transmission and telecommunication

1 lines, and related infrastructure, are often made of copper or aluminum, which can be sold as  
2 scrap metal to recyclers or junk dealers. Although these components are much more valuable  
3 to their lawful owners when used for their intended purpose, they are nevertheless frequently  
4 stolen by thieves seeking to sell copper or aluminum components as scrap. The process of  
5 stealing copper and aluminum components renders vital infrastructure inoperable until repaired,  
6 thereby harming the public health, safety and welfare which depend on such infrastructure. The  
7 cost of repairing and replacing infrastructure damaged by metal thieves substantially burdens  
8 businesses, public utilities, law enforcement and the public generally. Although the damage  
9 caused by metal thieves burdens all residents of the County, commercial agricultural  
10 businesses are particularly vulnerable to metal thieves due to the rural nature of agriculture. It is  
11 estimated that metal thieves inflicted over \$3 million in damage to commercial operations in the  
12 County of Fresno alone in 2023.

13       Telecommunications and transmission lines are nearly always sheathed in a protective,  
14 insulating coating of rubber, plastic or similar material which contains markings that identify the  
15 type of wire or cable and its lawful owner. Once the sheathing is removed it is difficult for law  
16 enforcement to identify the lawful owner of the wire or cable. Wire or cable which has had the  
17 sheathing removed also sells for more money to recyclers and junk dealers. For both reasons,  
18 metal thieves typically strip off, burn off, or otherwise remove this protective sheathing before  
19 attempting to sell the stolen metal as scrap.

20       Existing California law regulates the businesses of junk dealing and recycling, requiring  
21 businesses to adhere to extensive regulations when accepting scrap metal for recycling, but  
22 those laws are not readily applied to individuals without a business affiliation. However, metal  
23 theft in the County of Fresno is overwhelming carried out by individuals acting on their own, with  
24 no legitimate business affiliation or purpose. Additionally, Fresno is a largely rural and  
25 agricultural county and is uniquely and particularly vulnerable to theft and destruction of

1 infrastructure because its telecommunications and energy infrastructure are spread out over  
2 vast distances that cannot be feasibly secured or observed. Consequently, existing California  
3 law is insufficient to address the unique circumstances faced by the County of Fresno, and the  
4 Board of Supervisors finds that a County ordinance is necessary to address these issues. It is  
5 the purpose and intent of this chapter to support and supplement existing state law by giving law  
6 enforcement officials tools to deter, prevent, and punish the theft and vandalism of transmission  
7 and telecommunication lines by individuals without connection to a lawful business. It is not the  
8 purpose or intent of this chapter to impede or interfere with ordinary and lawful recycling, or  
9 duplicate or contradict existing state law pertaining to junk dealers and recyclers. Based upon  
10 the foregoing, the Board finds that it can be demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that  
11 this ordinance is both necessary and addresses a unique problem specific to the County of  
12 Fresno that cannot effectively be addressed by existing law.

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14 Section 6.27.020 – Definitions

15 For the purposes of this chapter:

- 16 A. "Commercial grade" refers to copper or aluminum wire or cable with a total diameter of  
17 .15 inches or greater, exclusive of any sheathing or coating, or telecommunications  
18 cable with fifty or more pairs of conductors in a single cable.
- 19 B. "Sheathing" means the coating, typically made of plastic, rubber or a similar substance,  
20 which insulates and protects commercial grade wire or cable, and often bears markings  
21 which identify the lawful owner, purpose, or source of the wire or cable.
- 22 C. "Scrap" means material derived from manufactured components, such as transmission  
23 or telecommunications lines, which is no longer useful for its intended purpose and is  
24 primarily valuable for recycling.

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1 Section 6.27.030 - Receipt, possession and transportation of commercial grade scrap metal

2 No person shall receive, possess, or transport scrap commercial grade copper or  
3 aluminum wire, cable, transformer coils, transformer bands, power conducting components, or  
4 control system components of the type commonly found in electrical switch gear, or any  
5 combination thereof, with a total aggregate weight of 10lbs or more. This section does not apply  
6 to a junk dealer or recycler within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code  
7 section 21601, or to a person with a current and valid business license from the County of  
8 Fresno to operate as a junk dealer, secondhand dealer, itinerant dealer, used goods dealer, or  
9 flea market operator as set forth in Chapter 6.24 of this Ordinance Code, or to the agents or  
10 employees of those entities. This section does not apply to any licensed general contractor,  
11 subcontractor, or business engaged in the construction, repair, or demolition of buildings, to  
12 commercial agricultural businesses, to commercial manufacturing businesses, to licensed  
13 businesses engaged in the transport or hauling of materials including scrap metal or commercial  
14 grade copper or aluminum wire, or to the agents or employees of those entities.

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16 Section 6.27.040 - Receipt, possession, and transportation of stripped commercial grade wire

17 No person shall receive, possess, or transport scrap commercial grade copper or  
18 aluminum wire or cable which has had its sheathing stripped, burned off, or otherwise removed.  
19 This section does not apply to a junk dealer or recycler within the meaning of California  
20 Business and Professions Code section 21601, or to a person with a current and valid business  
21 license from the County of Fresno to operate as a junk dealer, secondhand dealer, itinerant  
22 dealer, used goods dealer, or flea market operator as set forth in Chapter 6.24 of this Ordinance  
23 Code, or to the agents or employees of those entities. This section does not apply to any  
24 licensed general contractor, subcontractor, or business engaged in the construction, repair, or  
25 demolition of buildings, to commercial agricultural businesses, to commercial manufacturing

1 businesses, to licensed businesses engaged in the transport or hauling of materials including  
2 scrap metal or commercial grade copper or aluminum wire, or to the agents or employees of  
3 those entities.

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5 Section 6.27.050 - Stripping of commercial grade wire

6 No person shall strip, burn, or otherwise remove the sheathing from commercial grade  
7 copper or aluminum wire or cable. This section does not apply to a junk dealer or recycler  
8 within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code section 21601, or to a person  
9 with a current and valid business license from the County of Fresno to operate as a junk dealer,  
10 secondhand dealer, itinerant dealer, used goods dealer, or flea market operator as set forth in  
11 Chapter 6.24 of this Ordinance Code, or to the agents or employees of those entities. This  
12 section does not apply to any licensed general contractor, subcontractor, or business engaged  
13 in the construction, repair, or demolition of buildings, to commercial agricultural businesses, to  
14 commercial manufacturing businesses, to licensed businesses engaged in the transport or  
15 hauling of materials including scrap metal or commercial grade copper or aluminum wire, or to  
16 the agents or employees of those entities.

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18 Section 6.27.060 - Enforcement

19 A violation of this chapter is subject to enforcement through criminal prosecution, civil  
20 action, administrative citation, and civil penalties, as provided herein, including by injunction.  
21 Any violation of this chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 180 days in the County Jail,  
22 a fine of up to \$1,000.00, or both.

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24 Section 6.27.065 - Licensed Businesses and Proof of Ownership

25 A. Notwithstanding any other provision in Chapter 6.27 of the Fresno Ordinance Code, it

1 shall be a defense to any criminal or civil enforcement of this Chapter, if, at the time of the  
2 alleged violation of Sections 6.27.030, 6.27.040 or 6.27.050 of this Chapter, the person alleged  
3 to have violated these sections possesses a valid business license for one of the types of  
4 commercial activities listed in Sections 6.27.030, 6.27.040 or 6.27.050, or other valid state or  
5 local business license which would render the activity prohibited by Sections 6.27.030, 6.27.040  
6 or 6.27.050 a legal and legitimate commercial activity.

7 B. Notwithstanding any other provision in Chapter 6.27 of the Fresno Ordinance Code, it  
8 shall be a defense to any criminal or civil enforcement of this Chapter, if, at the time of the  
9 alleged violation of Sections 6.27.030, 6.27.040 or 6.27.050 of this Chapter, the person alleged  
10 to have violated these sections possesses adequate written evidence of legal ownership of the  
11 scrap commercial grade copper or aluminum wire or cable that is the subject of the alleged  
12 violation.

13 C. Notwithstanding any other provision in Chapter 6.27 of the Fresno Ordinance Code,  
14 no citation shall be issued to, and no arrest made of, any person having in their possession at  
15 the time of the alleged violation of Sections 6.27.030, 6.27.040 or 6.27.050 of this Chapter, a  
16 business license as described in Subsection A, of this Section or adequate written evidence of  
17 ownership of the of the scrap commercial grade copper or aluminum wire or cable that is the  
18 subject of the alleged violation as described in Subsection B, of this Section.

19 D. Any person who presents, shows or uses false, counterfeit or fraudulent written  
20 evidence of ownership of the scrap commercial grade copper or aluminum wire or cable alleged  
21 to be the subject of a violation of Sections 6.27.030, 6.27.040 or 6.27.050 of this Chapter, in an  
22 attempt to prove ownership of those materials shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to  
23 the criminal penalties provided in Section 6.27.060.

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1 Section 6.27.070 – Reserved

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3 Section 6.27.080 – Public Nuisance

4 A violation of this chapter is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

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6 Section 6.27.090 – Administrative Remedies

7 A. Administrative Citations. Pursuant to Section 53069.4, of the California  
8 Government Code, a County code enforcement officer or Sheriff's deputy may issue an  
9 administrative citation to any person for a violation of this chapter occurring in the presence of  
10 the enforcement officer, or deputy, or upon the enforcement officer or deputy's reasonably  
11 reliable confirmation of a violation.

12 B. Administrative fine amounts. The fine amounts for any administrative citation  
13 issued under this chapter shall be:

- 14 1. Five hundred dollars (\$500) for a first violation.
- 15 2. Seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) for a second violation of this  
16 chapter within one year of the first violation.
- 17 3. One thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation of the same ordinance  
18 within one year of the first violation.

19 Revenues received from citations issued pursuant to the chapter shall be deposited in  
20 the account of the county department which issued the citation.

21 C. Contents of the Administrative Citation. An administrative citation issued for a  
22 violation of this chapter shall contain the following information: (a) the date of the violation and  
23 any previous administrative citations for violation of this chapter issued with the preceding one-  
24 year period; (b) a description of the violation; (c) a reasonably clear description of where the  
25 violation occurred or was confirmed to have occurred; and (d) evidence identifying the person

1 receiving the administrative citation as the person responsible for the violation.

2 D. Service of citations. An administrative citation issued pursuant to this chapter  
3 shall be served on the responsible person as follows:

4 1. The enforcement officer or deputy Sheriff may personally serve the responsible  
5 person at any time. The enforcement officer or deputy Sheriff may obtain the signature of the  
6 responsible person on the administrative citation, which shall create a presumption of personal  
7 service. The lack of signature shall in no way affect the validity of the administrative citation.

8 2. Alternatively, or in addition to personally serving the administrative citation, the  
9 enforcement officer or deputy Sheriff may provide notice by mailing the administrative citation to  
10 the responsible person by first class mail, postage prepaid.

11 3. Alternatively, or in addition to, personally serving or mailing the administrative  
12 citation, an enforcement officer or deputy Sheriff may utilize any other means fairly and  
13 reasonably calculated to provide notice of the violation.

14 E. Effective date of service. Service of the administrative citation shall be effective  
15 on the date it was personally served, mailed, or otherwise delivered by the enforcement officer  
16 or deputy, regardless of when it is actually received by the responsible person.

17 F. Finality. Unless the responsible person properly requests a hearing to challenge  
18 an administrative citation issued pursuant to this chapter within 30 days of the date of issuance,  
19 the administrative citation shall constitute the final administrative order and the imposition of the  
20 administrative penalty shall become a final order.

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22 Section 6.27.100 – Appeals of administrative citations

23 The procedures to appeal an administrative citation issued pursuant to this chapter are  
24 as follows:

25 A. Hearing Request. Any person issued an administrative citation for violation of

1 this Chapter may contest the citation by requesting a hearing according to the procedures found  
2 in Section 1.13.170 of this code. A person financially unable to pay the administrative fine as  
3 provided in Section 1.13.170 may request an advance deposit hardship waiver as set forth in  
4 Section 1.13.180.

5 B. Hearing Officer. For hearings to challenge an administrative citations issued  
6 pursuant to this Chapter, the County Administrative Officer, or the designee thereof, in  
7 consultation with the Director of the enforcing department of the county, or the designee thereof,  
8 or the Sheriff-Coroner, or the designee thereof, shall appoint a hearing officer to preside over an  
9 administrative citation hearing that has been properly requested under the provisions of this  
10 chapter and this code.

11 C. Hearing Procedures. The procedures for a hearing to contest an administrative  
12 citation issued pursuant to this Chapter are the same as those procedures listed in Section  
13 1.13.200 of this code.

14 D. Hearing Officer's Decision. A hearing officer appointed to hear a contest to an  
15 administrative citation issued pursuant to this Chapter shall follow the procedural requirements  
16 of Section 1.13.210 of this code.

17 E. Right to Judicial Review. Any person aggrieved by the decision of an  
18 administrative hearing officer in any hearing on an administrative citation under this Chapter,  
19 may obtain review of the administrative decision by filing a petition for review with the Fresno  
20 County Superior Court, in accordance with the timeline and other provisions set forth in Section  
21 53069.4. in California Government Code.

22 F. The procedures of Sections 1.14.020-1.14.050 of this code are applicable to this  
23 chapter.

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25 G. Recovery of Administrative Citations and Civil Penalties. The county may collect

1 any past due administrative citation(s) or unpaid civil penalties, assessed, and issued pursuant  
2 to this Chapter, by use of any and all available legal means, including, without limitation, as a  
3 personal obligation or a lien recorded against any real property owned by the person(s) found to  
4 have violated this Chapter. County Counsel may bring a civil action in the name of the county to  
5 recover any past due administrative citation(s) or unpaid civil penalties and may enforce any  
6 judgment to collect any unpaid sum in the same manner as civil judgments.

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8 Section 6.27.110 – Civil Actions

9 A. In addition to the remedies provided in this chapter, County Counsel may bring a  
10 civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any person found to have violated this  
11 Chapter. In the civil action, County Counsel may pursue all available remedies authorized by  
12 law and may seek to recover all Costs related to the action.

13 B. The court in which such a proceeding is heard may assess a civil penalty in  
14 amount not to exceed \$1,000 for each separate violation of this chapter. In determining the  
15 amount of the civil penalty, the court shall take into consideration all relevant circumstances,  
16 including, but not limited to, the extent of harm caused by the violation, the nature and  
17 persistence of the violation, the fact of any past violations, and corrective action, if any taken by  
18 the violator.

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20 Section 6.27.120 - Non-Exclusive Remedy

21 This chapter is not the exclusive regulation or penalty for acts prohibited hereby. It  
22 supplements and is in addition to other regulatory codes, statutes, and ordinances heretofore or  
23 hereafter enacted by the County, state or any legal entity or agency having jurisdiction.

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1 Section 6.27.130 - Severability

2 If any portion of this chapter is held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction,  
3 such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this  
4 chapter. The Board hereby declares it would have passed each remaining portion irrespective  
5 of the fact that any one or more portions are declared invalid.

6 **Section 2:** This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage.

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8 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of  
9 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 22nd day of April, 2025, to wit:

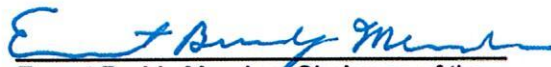
10 AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco

11 NOES: None

12 ABSENT: None

13 ABSTAINED: None

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15 Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the  
16 Board of Supervisors of the County of  
Fresno

17 **ATTEST:**  
18 Bernice E. Seidel  
19 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

20 By: Alexandra Vitoria  
21 Deputy

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23 FILE # 25-0372

24 AGENDA # 21

25 ORDINANCE # 25-008

# KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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DONNY YOUNGBLOOD  
Sheriff - Coroner - Public Administrator



September 9, 2025

Board of Supervisors  
Kern County Administrative Center  
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Bakersfield, California 93301

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9.48 TO TITLE 9 OF THE KERN COUNTY  
ORDINANCE CODE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION  
OF COMMERCIAL GRADE COPPER AND ALUMINUM WIRE  
(Fiscal Impact: None)**

The Kern County Sherriff's Office requests your Board to introduce the attached proposed ordinance adding Chapter 9.48 of the Kern County Ordinance Code relating to unlawful possession and transportation of commercial grade copper and aluminum wire.

Copper and aluminum wire thefts are an increasing problem within Kern County and cause significant financial damage to the victims. Commercial agriculture and oilfield companies are a vital component to the economy of Kern County. These entities rely heavily upon infrastructure, such as energy transmission and telecommunication lines, to operate. Transmission and telecommunication lines, and related infrastructure, are often made of copper or aluminum wire, which can be sold as non-ferrous scrap metal to recyclers or junk dealers. Although these components are much more valuable to their lawful owners when used for their intended purpose, they are nevertheless frequently stolen by thieves seeking to sell copper and aluminum components as scrap.

The process of stealing copper or aluminum wire and components renders vital infrastructure inoperable until repaired, thereby harming public health, and the safety and welfare of those entities which depend on such infrastructure. The cost of repairing and replacing infrastructure damaged by metal thieves substantially burdens businesses, public utilities, law enforcement and the public in general. Although the damage caused by metal thieves burdens all residents of Kern County, commercial agriculture and oilfield businesses are particularly vulnerable to metal thefts due to the rural nature of their locations. It is estimated that metal thieves inflicted over \$1.25 million dollars in loss and damage to these operations in the County of Kern alone since January 2025.

Telecommunication and transmission lines are nearly always sheathed in a protective, insulation coating of rubber, plastic or similar material which contains markings that identify the type of wire or cable and its lawful owner. Once the sheathing is removed it is difficult for law enforcement to identify the lawful owner of the wire or cable. Wire or cable which has had the sheathing removed also sells for more money to recyclers and junk dealers. For both reasons, metal thieves typically strip off, burn off, or otherwise remove this protective sheathing before attempting to sell the stolen metal as scrap.

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Existing California law regulates the businesses of junk dealing and recycling, requiring businesses to adhere to extensive regulations when accepting scrap metal for recycling, but those laws are not readily applied to individuals without a business affiliation. However, metal theft in the County of Kern is overwhelmingly carried out by individuals acting on their own, with no legitimate business affiliation or purpose. Additionally, Kern is predominately an agricultural and oilfield county and is uniquely and particularly vulnerable to theft and destruction of infrastructure because its telecommunication and energy infrastructure are spread out over vast distances that cannot be feasibly secured or observed. Consequently, existing California law is insufficient to address the unique circumstances faced by the County of Kern, and the Board of Supervisors finds that a county ordinance is necessary to address these issues.

Due to the lack of federal or state legislation that requires showing proof of ownership of copper wire to law enforcement, criminal enforcement remedies are limited. The purpose and intent of this chapter is to provide Kern County with reasonable means to address the impact on the community and the victims posed by increasing copper wire thefts.

The proposed ordinance establishes three categories of violations as follows: (1) prohibits receipt, possession, and transportation of commercial grade scrap metal, (2) prohibits receipt, possession, and transportation of stripped commercial grade wire, and (3) prohibits stripping of commercial grade copper or aluminum wire. Violations categorized within this ordinance will be subject to enforcement through criminal prosecution, civil action, administrative citation and civil penalties, as provided, including by injunction.

The recommended ordinance:

- Targets individuals operating without connection to a lawful business.
- Targets quantities (10lbs or more) of "commercial grade" scrap metal highly correlated to theft. "Commercial grade" means transmission lines thicker than .15 inches and telecom cables with more than 50 pairs of conductors. This does not apply to miscellaneous scrap metal, only commercial grade scrap metal.
- Prohibits individuals from removing or burning off the protective sheathing from commercial grade wire, an activity highly correlated with theft. Sheathing contains markings identifying the lawful owner.
- Prohibits individuals from possessing commercial grade wire that has had the sheathing removed.
- Exempts agricultural businesses and their agents as well as anyone using commercial grade wire for its intended purpose.
- This ordinance applies to commercial grade scrap metal only.
- Does not apply to junk dealers or recyclers as defined by state law.
- Does not apply to contractors or other businesses with a legitimate reason to possess scrap copper and aluminum.

Violations of this proposed ordinance may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County jail for up to one year, or both.

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Administrative citation fines may also apply as follows:

- \$1,000 for a first offense
- \$2,000 for a second offense\*
- \$5,000 for a third and subsequent violations\*

\*Within a 36-month period from the date of the first violation.

The ordinance as proposed will help protect the residents of Kern County and assist law enforcement by establishing a zero-tolerance policy for commercial grade copper and aluminum wire theft, establishing sanctions for possessing stolen commercial grade copper and aluminum wire, preventing offenders from profiting from the sale of commercial grade copper and aluminum wire, preventing recycling centers from purchasing unlawfully obtained commercial grade copper and aluminum wire, providing justice to the victims of commercial grade copper and aluminum wire theft, and minimizing the fiscal and personnel impact to Kern County in deterring and investigating commercial grade copper and aluminum wire thefts.

The proposed ordinance has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board 1) make a finding that the Ordinance is not a project subject to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5), and in the unlikely event it was determined to be a project, it is nonetheless exempt from further CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guideline Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3) and/or 15061(b)(3); 2) waive reading, introduce and approve the proposed ordinance adding Chapter 9.48 to Title 9 of the Kern County Ordinance code; 3) designate County Counsel to prepare a fair and adequate summary of the proposed Ordinance; and 4) direct the Clerk of the Board to post and publish the required summary in accordance with Government Code Section 25124(b)(1).

Sincerely,

DONNY YOUNGBLOOD, Sheriff-Coroner



By: Larry McCurtain, Undersheriff  
Kern County Sheriff's Office

cc: County Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Auditor Controller – County Clerk

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF KERN**

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9.48 TO TITLE 9  
OF THE KERN COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION  
AND TRANSPORTATION OF COMMERCIAL GRADE COPPER AND ALUMINUM WIRE**

On September 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Kern County Board of Supervisors introduced a proposed Ordinance adding Chapter 9.48 to Title 9 of the Kern County Ordinance Code relating to unlawful possession and transportation of commercial grade copper and aluminum wire.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to amend the Ordinance Code of Kern County by amending Title 9 to add Chapter 9.48 Unlawful Possession and Transportation of Commercial Grade Copper and Aluminum Wire, which will create a criminal or administrative penalty for the unlawful possession and transportation of commercial grade copper and aluminum wire in the unincorporated portions of Kern County. Anyone in receipt, possession or transports scrap commercial grade copper or aluminum wire will be required to demonstrate valid proof of ownership or be subject to fines or jail time. The following are some highlights of the proposed ordinance:

- Violations of this proposed ordinance may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County jail for up to one year, or both.
- Administrative citation fines may also apply as follows:
  - \$1,000 for a first offense
  - \$2,000 for a second offense\*
  - \$5,000 for a third and subsequent violations\*

\*Within a 36-month period from the date of the first violation.

The certified copy of the full text of the proposed Ordinance and related documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bakersfield, California, where they may be examined during normal business hours.

The proposed Ordinance will be considered for enactment by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California.

By order of the Board of Supervisors.

Date: September \_\_, 2025

NANCY ANDERSON  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Clerk of the Board  
County of Kern

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

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ORDINANCE NO. G-\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 9.48 TO TITLE 9 OF THE KERN COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF COMMERCIAL GRADE COPPER AND ALUMINUM WIRE

The following ordinance, consisting of four (4) sections, was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Kern, State of California

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

**NANCY ANDERSON**  
County Administrative Officer  
Clerk of the Board

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Clerk  
\_\_\_\_\_

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with Government Code section 25124, and it shall take effect and be in full force on and after the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025.

**Section 2.** The Board of Supervisors of Kern County finds that:

(a) The theft of copper and aluminum wire has been an increasing problem in the County in recent years.

(b) Copper wire is non-ferrous precious metal with a high monetary value per pound. The going rate, as of the date of this draft, is between \$3.50 and \$4.50 per pound at most recycling centers.

(c) In unincorporated Kern County, hundreds of agriculture irrigation wells and oil wells have had copper or aluminum wire stolen out of them, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in repairs for farmers and oil production companies through no fault of their own.

(d) The average cost of replacing the copper or aluminum wire and repairing the damage left behind may cost the victim between \$5,000 to \$30,000, or more.

(e) Individuals in possession of copper or aluminum wire often recycle it for substantial profit while victims of these thefts suffer the consequences of paying thousands of dollars for repairs, the inconvenience of repairing their well sites, and feeling unsafe in the community.

(f) Copper and aluminum wire thefts are on the rise because individuals are incentivized to commit these thefts for multiple reasons including, but not limited to: (1) the ease and undetectable nature of committing the thefts in a matter of seconds using common tools such as a reciprocating saw, (2) the ability to recycle copper and aluminum wire at scrap metal yards for high dollar returns, and (3) the challenges with prosecuting criminals for copper and aluminum wire thefts where a victim cannot be identified.

(g) Finding the victims of these crimes is extremely difficult due to the manner in which the copper and aluminum wire thefts occur and lack of identifying markers on the copper wire itself to link the copper wire to the victim.

(h) The inability to identify the victim of copper or aluminum wire theft can inhibit the ability to successfully prosecute individuals for the thefts.

(i) There is currently no state or federal legislation applicable within Kern County requiring individuals to provide proof to law enforcement showing how they obtained commercial grade copper or aluminum wire, thus limiting law enforcement's ability to protect the public, oil, agricultural, and energy businesses by deterring thefts.

(j) This Ordinance is necessary to provide the Kern County Sheriff's Office a means to protect the public, deter this criminal activity and promote a more productive use of Kern County resources.

Section 3: Chapter 9.48 is added to Title 9 of the Kern County Ordinance Code to read as follows:

### **Chapter 9.48**

#### **UNLAWFUL POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF COMMERCIAL GRADE COPPER AND ALUMINUM WIRE**

**Sections:**

- 9.48.010 Purpose**
- 9.48.020 Definitions**
- 9.48.030 Unlawful receipt, possession and transportation of commercial grade copper and aluminum wire**
- 9.48.040 Receipt, possession, and transportation of stripped commercial grade wire**
- 9.48.050 Stripping of commercial grade wire**
- 9.48.060 Violation and Enforcement**
- 9.48.070 Licensed Businesses and Proof of Ownership**
- 9.48.080 Public Nuisance**
- 9.48.090 Non-Exclusive Remedy**
- 9.48.100 Severability**

**9.48.010 Purpose.**

Copper and aluminum wire thefts are an increasing problem within Kern County and cause significant financial damage to the victims. Commercial agriculture and oilfield companies are a vital component to the economy of Kern County. These entities rely heavily upon infrastructure, such as energy transmission and telecommunication lines, to operate. Transmission and telecommunication lines, and related infrastructure, are often made of copper wire or aluminum, which can be sold as non-ferrous scrap metal to recyclers or junk dealers. Although these components are much more valuable to their lawful owners when used for their intended purpose, they are nevertheless frequently stolen by thieves seeking to sell copper and aluminum components as scrap.

The process of stealing copper or aluminum wire and components renders vital infrastructure inoperable until repaired, thereby harming public health, and the safety and welfare of those entities which depend on such infrastructure. The cost of repairing and replacing infrastructure damaged by metal thieves substantially burdens businesses, public utilities, laws enforcement and the public in general.

Although the damage caused by metal thieves burdens all residents of Kern County, commercial agriculture and oilfield businesses are particularly vulnerable to metal thefts due to the rural nature of their locations. It is estimated that metal thieves inflicted over \$1.25 million dollars in loss and damage to these operations in the County of Kern alone since January 2025.

Telecommunication and transmission lines are nearly always sheathed in a protective, insulation coating of rubber, plastic or similar material which contains markings that identify the type of wire or cable and its lawful owner. Once the sheathing is removed it is difficult for law enforcement to identify the lawful owner of the wire or cable. Wire or cable which has had the sheathing removed also sells for more money to recyclers and junk dealers. For both reasons, metal thieves typically strip off, burn off, or otherwise remove this protective sheathing before attempting to sell the stolen metal as scrap.

Existing California law regulates the businesses of junk dealing and recycling, requiring businesses to adhere to extensive regulations when accepting scrap metal for recycling, but those laws are not readily applied to individuals without a business affiliation. However, metal theft in the County of Kern is overwhelming carried out by individuals acting on their own, with no legitimate business affiliation or purpose. Additionally, Kern is predominately an agricultural and oilfield county and is uniquely and particularly vulnerable to theft and destruction of infrastructure because its telecommunication and energy infrastructure are spread out over vast distances that cannot be feasibly secured or observed. Consequently, existing California law is insufficient to address the unique circumstances faced by the County of Kern, and the Board of Supervisors finds that a county ordinance is necessary to address these issues.

Due to the lack of federal or state legislation that requires showing proof of ownership of copper wire to law enforcement, criminal enforcement remedies are limited. The purpose and intent of this chapter is to provide Kern County with reasonable means to address the impact on the community and the victims posed by increasing copper wire thefts.

#### **9.48.020 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- A. "Commercial Grade" refers to copper or aluminum wire or cable with a total diameter of .15 inches or greater, exclusive of any sheathing or coating, or telecommunications cable with fifty or more pairs of conductors in a single cable.
- B. "Sheathing" means the coating, typically made of plastic, rubber, or a similar substance, which insulates and protects commercial grade wire or

cable, and often bears markings which identify the lawful owner, purpose, or source of the wire or cable.

C. "Scrap" means material derived from manufactured components, such as transmission or telecommunication lines, which is no longer useful for its intended purpose or is primarily valuable for recycling.

D. "Enforcement Officer" means a sworn officer of the sheriff's office, sworn federal task force officer, building official, code enforcement official, county counsel, or district attorney, and their designees.

**9.48.030 Unlawful receipt, possession and transportation of commercial grade copper and aluminum wire.**

No person shall receive, possess, or transport scrap commercial grade copper or aluminum wire, cable, transformer coils, transformer bands, power conducting components, or control system components of the type commonly found in electrical switch gear, or any combination thereof, with a total aggregate weight of 10lbs or more. This section does not apply to a junk dealer or recycler within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code section 21601, or to the agents or employees of those entities. This section does not apply to any licensed general contractor, subcontractor, or business engaged in the construction, repair, or demolition of buildings, to commercial agricultural businesses, to oil production businesses, to commercial manufacturing businesses, to licensed businesses engaged in the transport or hauling of materials including scrap metal or commercial grade copper or aluminum wire, or to the agents or employees of those entities.

**9.48.040 Receipt, possession, and transportation of stripped commercial grade wire.**

No person shall receive, possess, or transport scrap commercial grade copper or aluminum wire or cable which has had its sheathing stripped, burned off, or otherwise removed. This section does not apply to a junk dealer or recycler within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code section 21601, or to the agents or employees of those entities. This section does not apply to any licensed general contractor, subcontractor, or business engaged in the construction, repair, or demolition of buildings, to commercial agricultural businesses, to commercial manufacturing businesses, to licensed businesses engaged in the transport or hauling of materials including scrap metal or commercial grade copper or aluminum wire, or to the agents or employees of those entities.

**9.48.050 Stripping of commercial grade wire.**

No person shall strip, burn, or otherwise remove the sheathing from commercial grade copper or aluminum wire or cable. This section does not apply to a junk dealer or recycler within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code section 21601, or to the agents or employees of those entities. This section does not apply to any licensed general contractor, subcontractor, or business engaged in the construction, repair, or demolition of buildings, to commercial agricultural businesses, to commercial manufacturing businesses, to licensed businesses engaged in the transport or hauling of materials including scrap metal or commercial grade copper or aluminum wire, or to the agents or employees of those entities.

**9.48.060 Violation and Enforcement.**

A. A violation of this chapter is subject to enforcement through criminal prosecution, civil action, administrative citation, and civil penalties, as provided herein, including by injunction. Any violation of this chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the County jail for a term not to exceed one (1) year, a fine of up to \$1,000.00, or both.

B. Unless otherwise specified herein, all administrative citations issued for violations of this chapter shall be subject to the provisions set forth in chapter 8.54 of the Kern County Ordinance Code (hereinafter, code), including but not limited to, the administrative hearing and appeal process and the county's authority to use any civil remedy available to collect any unpaid administrative fees.

C. Administrative Civil Penalty. In addition to any other penalties provided by law, whenever an enforcement officer determines a violation of this chapter has occurred, the enforcement officer shall have the authority to issue an administrative citation with an administrative civil penalty to any person responsible for the violation, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of chapter 8.54 of this code. Any administrative civil penalty in this chapter shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the first offense, two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the second offense within thirty-six (36) months, and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each subsequent offense within thirty-six (36) months.

**9.48.070 Licensed Businesses and Proof of Ownership.**

A. Notwithstanding any other provision in chapter 9.48 of the code, it shall be a defense to any criminal or civil enforcement of this chapter, if, at the time of the alleged violation of Sections 9.48.030, 9.48.040 or 9.48.050 of this chapter, the person alleged to have violated these sections possesses a valid business license for one of the types of commercial activities listed in Sections 9.48.030, 9.48.040 or 9.48.050, or other valid state or local business license which would render the

activity prohibited by Sections 9.48.030, 9.48.040 or 9.48.050 a legal and legitimate commercial activity.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision in chapter 9.48 of the code, it shall be a defense to any criminal or civil enforcement of this chapter, if, at the time of the alleged violation of Sections 9.48.030, 9.48.040 or 9.48.050 of this chapter, the person alleged to have violated these sections possesses adequate written evidence of legal ownership of the scrap commercial grade copper or aluminum wire or cable that is the subject of the alleged violation.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision in chapter 9.48 of the code, no citation shall be issued to, and no arrest made of, any person having in their possession at the time of the alleged violation of Sections 9.48.030, 9.48.040 or 9.48.050 of this chapter, a business license as described in Subsection A, of this Section or adequate written evidence of ownership of the scrap commercial grade copper or aluminum wire or cable that is the subject of the alleged violation as described in Subsection B, of this Section.

D. Any person who presents, shows or uses false, counterfeit or fraudulent written evidence of ownership of the scrap commercial grade copper or aluminum wire or cable alleged to be the subject of a violation of Sections 9.48.030, 9.48.040 or 9.48.050 of this chapter, in an attempt to prove ownership of those materials shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the criminal penalties provided in Section 9.48.060.

**9.48.080 Public Nuisance.**

A violation of this chapter is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

**9.48.090 Non-Exclusive Remedy.**

This chapter is not an exclusive regulation or penalty for acts prohibited hereby. It supplements and is in addition to other regulatory codes, statutes, and ordinances heretofore or hereafter enacted by the County, state or any legal entity or agency having jurisdiction.

**9.48.100 Severability.**

If any portion of this chapter is held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this chapter. The Board hereby declares it would have passed each remaining portion irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions are declared invalid.

**Section 4.** The Board of Supervisors declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of it irrespective of the facts that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases or portions of it be declared invalid or unconstitutional. If for any reason any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, then all other provisions of it shall remain valid and enforceable.

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## **Daryl Terrell**

Moreno Valley Resident  
951-214-0050

Chair and Honorable Members  
Riverside County Board of Supervisors

I respectfully submit for inclusion in the public record the attached **Summary of a Proposed Copper Unlawful Possession and Transportation Ordinance** for Riverside County.

This proposed ordinance is modeled after measures adopted by Fresno and Kern Counties and is intended to address the ongoing theft and vandalism of commercial-grade copper infrastructure. Copper theft results in service disruptions, public safety risks, and significant financial harm to residents, agricultural operations, utilities, and small businesses.

While existing state law, including AB 476, regulates scrap metal dealers and recyclers, it does not adequately address individuals who possess, transport, or alter commercial-grade copper without a legitimate business purpose. The proposed ordinance is designed to supplement state law, close this enforcement gap, and provide a narrowly tailored, prevention-focused tool while protecting lawful recycling and legitimate commerce.

The attached summary outlines the purpose, key provisions, exemptions, enforcement framework, and fiscal considerations in a manner consistent with staff and County Counsel summaries typically included in Board agenda materials.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to the residents of Riverside County.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl Terrell

# **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

## **Copper Unlawful Possession and Transportation Ordinance**

### **County of Riverside**

#### **Purpose and Intent**

The proposed Copper Unlawful Possession Ordinance is intended to protect public health, safety, and welfare by addressing the ongoing theft and vandalism of commercial-grade copper wire and related conductive infrastructure within Riverside County. Copper theft causes widespread service disruptions, safety hazards, and significant financial harm to residents, agricultural operations, utilities, and small businesses.

While existing California law, including AB 476, regulates scrap metal dealers and recycling businesses, it does not adequately address individuals who possess, transport, or alter stolen commercial-grade copper without any legitimate business purpose. The proposed ordinance is designed to supplement state law by targeting conduct most closely associated with copper theft, while expressly protecting lawful businesses and legitimate recycling activity.

#### **Key Provisions**

The proposed ordinance would prohibit individuals from possessing, transporting, or receiving commercial-grade copper wire or aluminum wire in quantities or conditions that are highly correlated with theft, except when acting within a lawful business or authorized activity.

It would prohibit the possession or transportation of commercial-grade copper wire that has been stripped, burned, or otherwise altered to remove identifying sheathing or ownership markings, except by licensed or authorized entities.

It would also prohibit the stripping or removal of protective sheathing from commercial-grade copper wire by individuals not engaged in a lawful business purpose, and establish a minimum quantity threshold to ensure enforcement is narrowly focused on commercial-grade materials.

#### **Exemptions and Protections**

The ordinance is narrowly tailored and does not apply to licensed scrap metal dealers and recyclers regulated under state law; contractors, utilities, telecommunications providers, and agricultural operations; individuals or businesses possessing commercial-grade copper for its intended lawful use; or legitimate recycling activities conducted in compliance with existing law.

The ordinance is not intended to interfere with lawful recycling, employment, or commerce, nor to criminalize poverty or informal collection of miscellaneous scrap metal.

#### **Enforcement and Penalties**

Violations may be enforced through criminal, civil, or administrative remedies, providing flexibility in enforcement. Penalties may include misdemeanor prosecution, administrative fines graduated by repeated violations, civil penalties, injunctive relief, and designation of violations as a public nuisance.

This tiered approach allows enforcement agencies to respond proportionately and effectively, emphasizing deterrence and prevention rather than incarceration.

### **Rationale and Need**

Copper theft is overwhelmingly committed by individuals acting outside of legitimate businesses. State law focuses primarily on regulating buyers of scrap metal, leaving an enforcement gap when individuals are found transporting or possessing clearly stolen commercial-grade copper prior to sale.

Counties such as Fresno and Kern have addressed this gap by adopting local unlawful possession ordinances that target theft-related behavior without burdening legitimate commerce, allowing intervention before infrastructure damage, outages, and public safety risks occur.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The proposed ordinance is not expected to result in additional net County costs. Enforcement activities may be partially offset through administrative fines and penalties. Departments will monitor any fiscal impacts consistent with existing enforcement responsibilities.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed Copper Unlawful Possession Ordinance provides Riverside County with a measured, legally sound, and effective tool to deter copper theft, protect critical infrastructure, and close an acknowledged gap in state law. By modeling the ordinance after those adopted in Fresno and Kern Counties, Riverside County can strengthen public safety while preserving fairness, proportionality, and respect for lawful economic activity.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**24.4**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Yolanda Moreno, Leticia Becerra, Krystal Otworth, Jazmine Ibarra, Ashley Vega, Sabino Alejos, Danna Garica, Cecilia Lemus, America Noriega, and Stephanie Ambriz spoke regarding concerns of toxic air quality caused by Greenleaf Power Desert View power plant located in Meca affecting nearby community.

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**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.  
24.4**

*Spanish Translator*

**Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Riverside  
Solicitud de uso de la palabra**

Presentar la solicitud al Secretario de la Junta (a la derecha del podio), Los oradores tienen derecho a tres (3) minutos, sujeto a de las Reglas de la Junta enumeradas en el reverso de este formulario. La Junta Directiva puede limitar la opinión del público sobre cualquier tema, según el número de personas que soliciten hablar y los asuntos de la junta.

**NOMBRE DEL ORADOR:** Yolanda Moreno

**Dirección:** 91065 Las Flores Way  
(solo si se solicita respuesta por correo electrónico de seguimiento)

**Cuidad y Código postal:** Mecca, CA

**Teléfono #:** (760) 218-3286

**Fecha:** 1-13-26 **Agenda #** Comentario Público

**POR FAVOR, INDIQUE SU POSTURA A CONTINUACIÓN:**

**Postura sobre el tema del orden del día "ordinario" (no apelado):**

                     **Apoyo**                      **Oposición**                      **Neutral**

**Nota:** Si está aquí para un tema de la agenda que se presentó para "Apelación", indique por separado su postura sobre la apelación a continuación:

                     **Apoyo**                      **Oposición**                      **Neutral**

**Le doy mis 3 minutos a:** \_\_\_\_\_

**¿Necesitas traductor de español?** **Sí**   ✓   **No**       

**Si desea escuchar la reunión en español, los auriculares están disponibles en el área del Secretario de la Junta.**

Las validaciones de estacionamiento están disponibles solo para oradores: consulte al Secretario de la Junta.

## REGLAS DE LA JUNTA

### Solicitudes para dirigirse a la Junta sobre temas de la "Agenda":

Puede solicitar ser escuchado sobre un tema publicado en la agenda. Las solicitudes de audiencia deben presentarse al Secretario de la Junta antes de la hora programada para la reunión.

### Solicitudes para dirigirse a la Junta sobre temas que "NO" están en la Agenda:

Sin perjuicio de cualquier otra disposición de estas reglas, el miembro del público tendrá derecho a dirigirse a la Junta durante el segmento de media mañana "Comunicación verbal" de la agenda publicada. Dicho propósito de dirección deberá corresponder a temas que estén bajo la jurisdicción directa de la Junta de Supervisores. SU TIEMPO SERÁ LIMITADO A TRES (3) MINUTOS. La Junta Directiva puede limitar el tiempo del público sobre cualquier tema, según el número de personas que soliciten hablar y los asuntos de la junta.

### Presentaciones de Power Point/Material Impreso:

Los oradores que tengan la intención de realizar una presentación formal de PowerPoint o proporcionar material impreso deben notificar a la Oficina del Secretario de la Junta antes de las 12 del mediodía del lunes previo a la reunión de la Junta del martes, asegurándose de que la Oficina del Secretario tenga suficientes copias de todos los materiales impresos y al menos una (1) copia del CD de PowerPoint. Se proporcionará a cada supervisor copias del material impreso entregado al secretario (antes de la fecha límite del lunes al mediodía). Si necesita utilizar el proyector "Elmo" en la reunión de la Junta, asegúrese de que su material sea claro y tenga el contraste adecuado, notificando al Secretario con suficiente antelación a la reunión su intención de utilizarlo. Se prohíbe a los oradores traer carteles a la sala de audiencias.

### Límites de oradores individuales:

Los oradores individuales están limitados a un máximo de tres (3) minutos. La Junta Directiva puede limitar el tiempo del público sobre cualquier tema, según el número de personas que soliciten hablar y los asuntos de la junta. Suba al podio cuando el Presidente diga su nombre y comience a hablar de inmediato. Lleve el micrófono a su boca para que la junta directiva, la audiencia y el sistema de grabación de audio lo escuchen claramente. Una vez que comiences a hablar, se encenderá la luz "verde" del podio. La luz "amarilla" se encenderá cuando le quede un (1) minuto. Cuando le queden 30 segundos, la luz "amarilla" comenzará a parpadear, lo que indica que debe terminar rápidamente sus comentarios. Se acaba el tiempo cuando la luz "roja" parpadea. El Presidente respeta estrictamente un límite de tres (3) minutos por orador. ***Nota: Si tiene la intención de dedicar su tiempo a una "Presentación grupal /organizada", indíquelo claramente en la parte inferior del reverso de este formulario.***

### Presentaciones Grupales/Organizadas:

Las presentaciones grupales/organizadas con más de un (1) orador se limitarán a nueve (9) minutos a discreción del Presidente. El organizador de la presentación recibirá automáticamente los primeros tres (3) minutos, y los seis (6) minutos restantes cedidos por otros oradores, según lo solicitaron en un formulario de "Solicitud para hablar" completado y claramente indicado en la parte inferior delantera de la forma.

### Dirigiéndose a la Consejo y Reconocimiento por parte del Presidente:

El Presidente determinará el orden en que los oradores se dirigirán al Consejo, y convocará a todos los oradores en pares. El primer orador debe subir inmediatamente al podio y comenzar a dirigirse a la Junta. El segundo orador deberá ubicarse en uno de los pasillos de la cámara para poder subir rápidamente al podio después del orador anterior. Esto es para permitir una reunión de la Junta eficiente y oportuna, brindando a todos los asistentes la oportunidad de exponer sus argumentos. Los oradores tienen prohibido realizar ataques personales y/o utilizar lenguaje vulgar, grosero, o profano mientras hablan con los miembros de la Junta, el personal, el público en general y/o los participantes de la reunión. Tal comportamiento, a discreción del Presidente de la Junta, puede resultar en la expulsión de las Cámaras de la Junta por parte de los Agentes del Alguacil.



## BOARD RULES

### Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

### Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

### Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, ensuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo. **Speakers are prohibited from bringing signs, placards, or posters into the hearing room.**

### Individual Speaker Limits:

**Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.** The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board. Please step up to the podium when the Chair calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chair adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

### Group/Organized Presentations:

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Krystal Atworth

Address: 73373 Country Club Dr

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Phone #: (951) 795-5583

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NOMBRE DEL ORADOR: Jarmin Ibarra

Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_  
(solo si se solicita respuesta por correo electrónico de seguimiento)

Cuidad y Código postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Teléfono #: 760 485-9554

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Postura sobre el tema del orden del día "ordinario" (no apelado):

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Le doy mis 3 minutos a: \_\_\_\_\_

¿Necesitas traductor de español? Sí \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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## REGLAS DE LA JUNTA

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Los oradores que tengan la intención de realizar una presentación formal de PowerPoint o proporcionar material impreso deben notificar a la Oficina del Secretario de la Junta antes de las 12 del mediodía del lunes previo a la reunión de la Junta del martes, asegurándose de que la Oficina del Secretario tenga suficientes copias de todos los materiales impresos y al menos una (1) copia del CD de PowerPoint. Se proporcionará a cada supervisor copias del material impreso entregado al secretario (antes de la fecha límite del lunes al mediodía). Si necesita utilizar el proyector "Elmo" en la reunión de la Junta, asegúrese de que su material sea claro y tenga el contraste adecuado, notificando al Secretario con suficiente antelación a la reunión su intención de utilizarlo. Se prohíbe a los oradores traer carteles a la sala de audiencias.

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El Presidente determinará el orden en que los oradores se dirigirán al Consejo, y convocará a todos los oradores en pares. El primer orador debe subir inmediatamente al podio y comenzar a dirigirse a la Junta. El segundo orador deberá ubicarse en uno de los pasillos de la cámara para poder subir rápidamente al podio después del orador anterior. Esto es para permitir una reunión de la Junta eficiente y oportuna, brindando a todos los asistentes la oportunidad de exponer sus argumentos. Los oradores tienen prohibido realizar ataques personales y/o utilizar lenguaje vulgar, grosero, o profano mientras hablan con los miembros de la Junta, el personal, el público en general y/o los participantes de la reunión. Tal comportamiento, a discreción del Presidente de la Junta, puede resultar en la expulsión de las Cámaras de la Junta por parte de los Agentes del Alguacil.

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: 91560 3RD ST

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Stephanie Ambriz

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone #: (442) 400-2534

Date: 1/13/2020 Agenda # General Public Comment

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**24.5**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Javier Enriquez spoke regarding programs from South Coast Air Quality Management District.

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SPEAKER'S NAME: JAVIER ENRIQUEZ

Address: SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

Phone #: 909 260-3011

Date: 1-13-2026 Agenda # N/A public comment

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**24.6**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Tonya Gonzalez spoke in opposition to the Stone Ridge Commerce Center project and presented employment data.

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Janya Cronzaler

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Flores, Kate**

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**From:** Tonya Guillen <tonyafguillen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2026 9:00 AM  
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**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Meeting 1/13 - Slide Submission  
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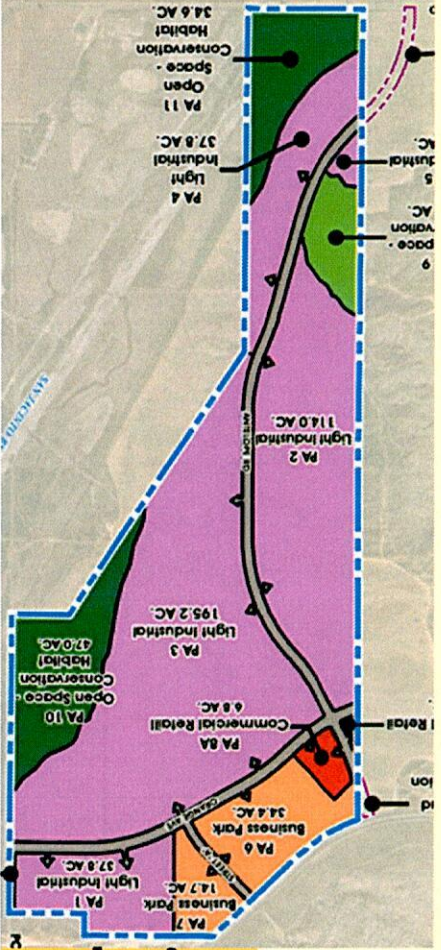
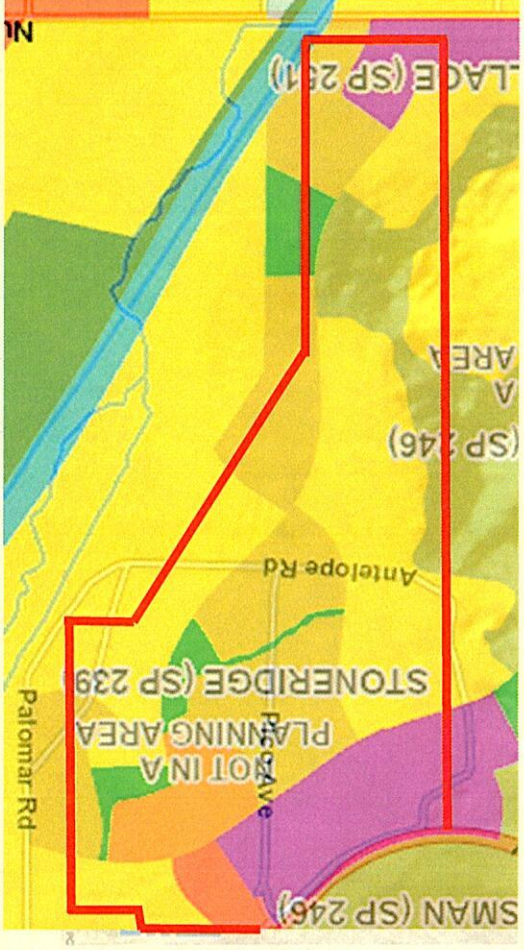
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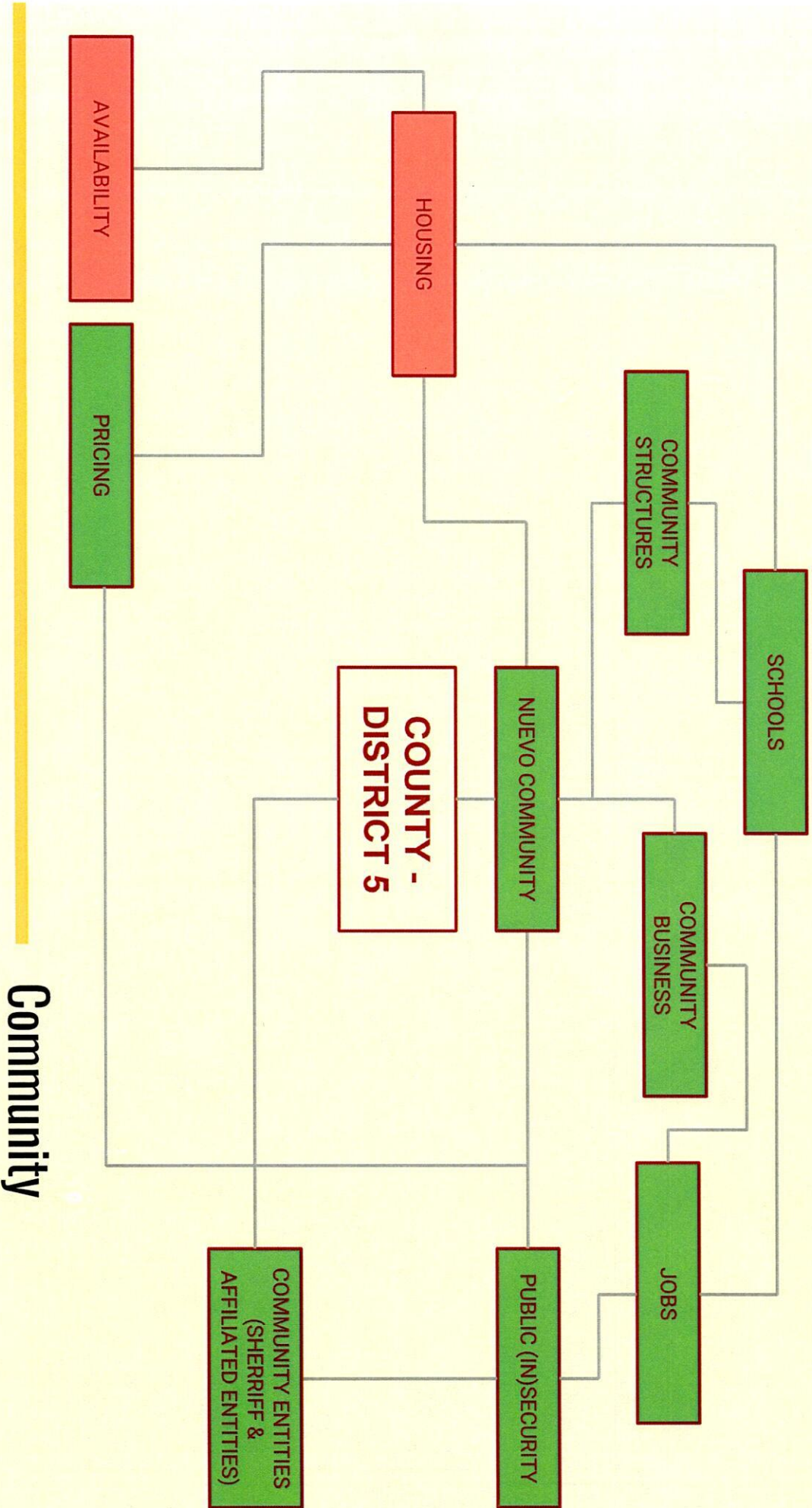
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Agenda Item: Public Comment  
Name: Tonya Gonzalez

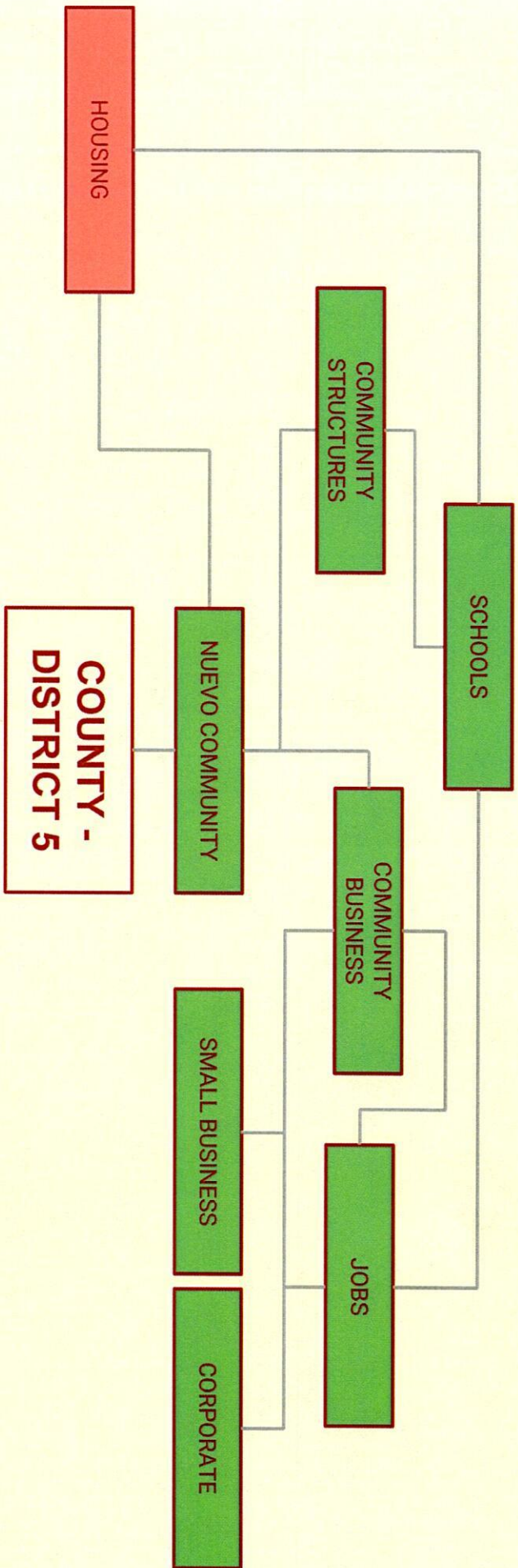
Thank you,  
Tonya Gonzalez

## Save a Nuevo Neighborhood

Help the community of Nuevo build the community that was set to be built since the 1900's while at the same time salvaging human development area that's not located in a threatened area by today's natural disasters.







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## THE INLAND EMPIRE 2024

by

Manfred Keil, Robert Kleinhenz, Fernando Lozano<sup>1</sup>

TABLE 1: COMMUTERS, INLAND EMPIRE, 2023

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Riverside County</b>	<b>San Bernardino County</b>
To LA	53,000	132,000
To San Diego	47,000	3,000
To Orange County	75,000	38,000
Total Coastal	175,000	173,000
SBC/RIC	113,000	78,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>288,000</b>	<b>251,000</b>
<i>Share of Total Employment</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>23%</i>

Source: <https://www.cmc.edu/sites/default/files/SOTR%202024%20Final%20Draft.pdf>

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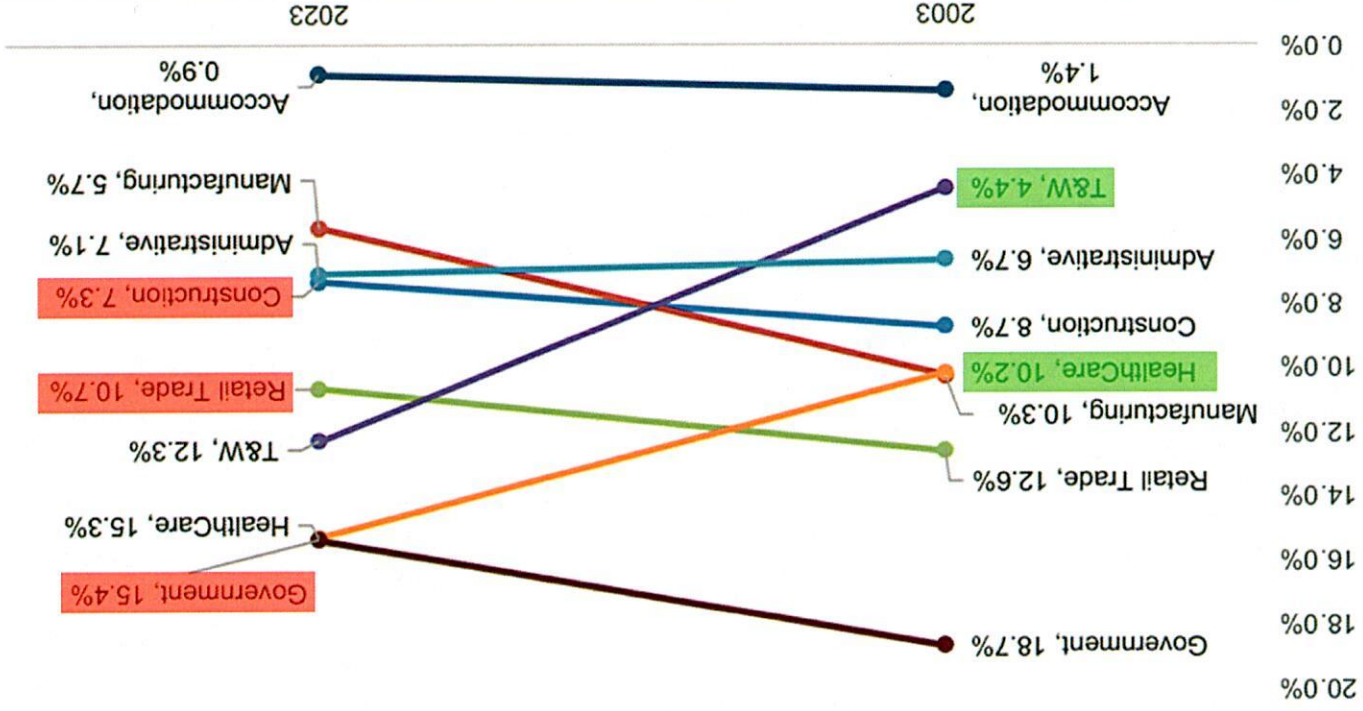
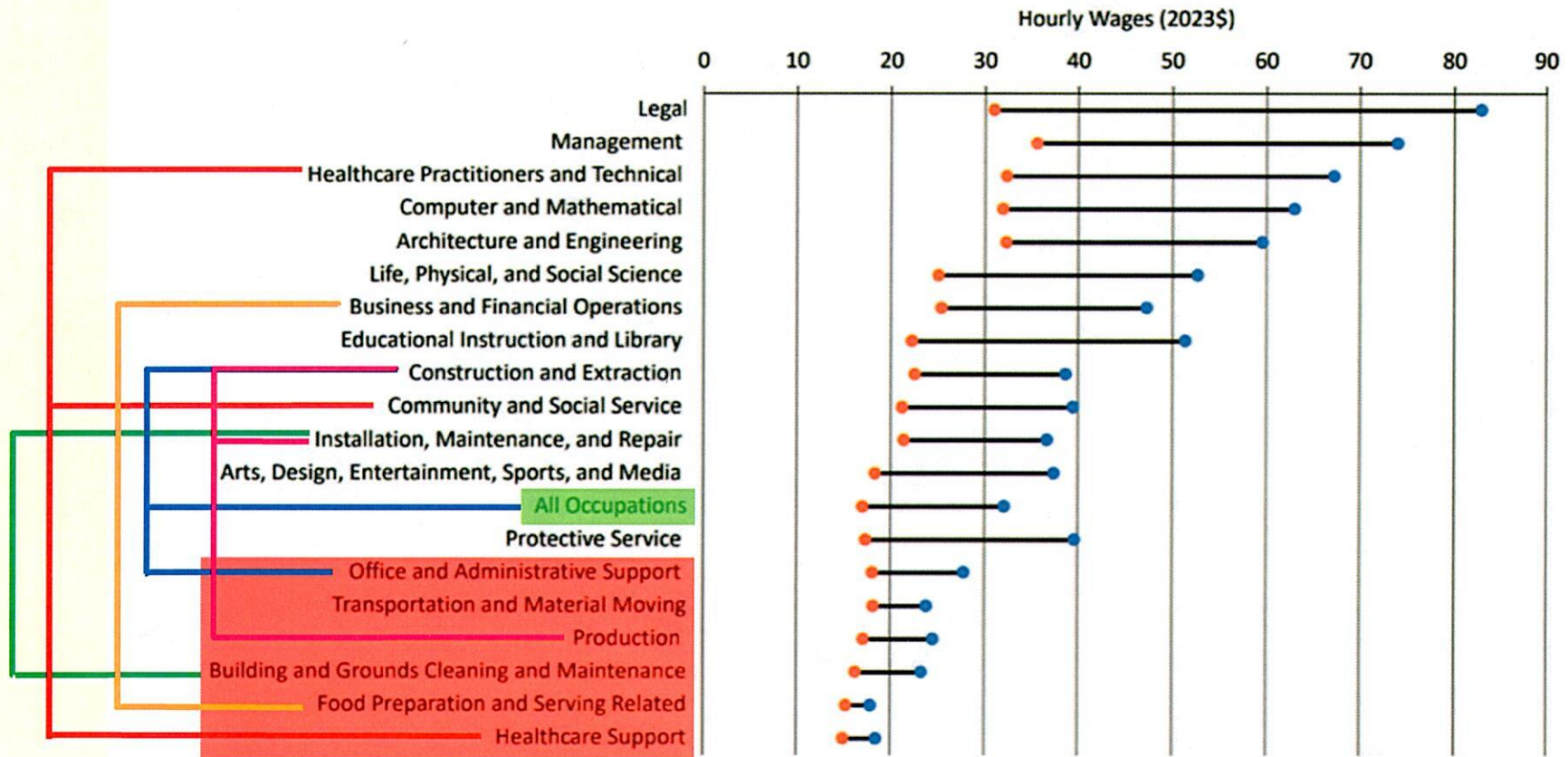


FIGURE 2: EMPLOYMENT SHARES, INDUSTRIAL SECTORS  
INLAND EMPIRE, 2003 AND 2023, CES

FIGURE 16: WAGES BY OCCUPATION, INLAND EMPIRE, 25TH TO 75TH PERCENTILE, 2023 QUARTER 1



Jobs - County

The figure also contains the reason for the 400,000 or so daily commutes from the Inland Empire into the Coastal Regions: commuters are simply not willing to work for the relatively low wages offered by many of the industries in the region. Note that no one in their right mind enjoys commutes that last as long as 4 hours on a round trip per day (Upland to Downtown on a Thursday; the 37 mile distance takes 4.5 hours to cover if you leave at 7:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m.). These individuals would rather just have a job in Ontario, Riverside, Covina, or Fontana. Unfortunately their human capital endowment allows them to make considerably more money, on average, than the jobs that are available to them in the Inland Empire - hence the commute.

**Logistics is, no doubt, important to the region.**

However, if you want to attract industries that produce more value-added products, and thereby lift per capita GDP perhaps to levels that we observe in the Phoenix MSA (ranked about 190), then you have to find ways to increase the average human capital level of its workers. Firms that are higher value added-producing otherwise simply will not come. Note that the percent of residents holding at least a Bachelor's degree is 35% in the Phoenix area. Bottom line, if your labor force has half of its workers who have never attended a college class, then firms will not settle here. **If you don't build it, they will not come.**

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**Jobs - County**

## THE INLAND EMPIRE IN 2045

The Wall Street Journal ran an article on February 17 (recently) under the following title:

**“62% of Americans Lack a College Degree. Can They Solve the Labor Shortage?”**

The article mentioned that some large firms such as IBM, Delta, Google, Walmart, GM etc. no longer require a college degree for some of their better paying jobs. In doing so, these companies were hoping to cope better with the labor shortage observed in the nation.

Had this article been written about the Inland Empire, the headline would have been as follows:

**“78% of Inland Empire Residents Lack a College Degree. Can They Solve the Labor Shortage?”**

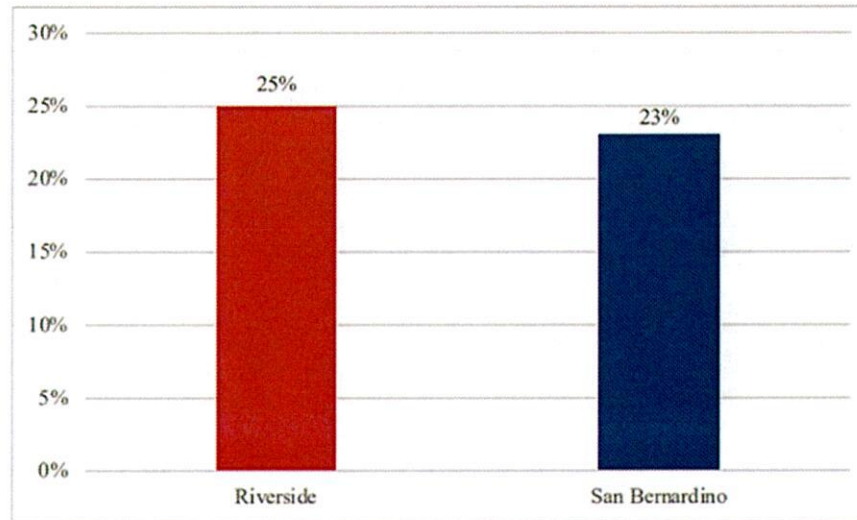
To make matters more serious, the Inland Empire number includes commuters, and while we do not have the exact figures, it is fair to assume that a higher percentage of commuters has a college degree. They are more qualified to take on jobs that require more skills than those who work and reside in the Inland Empire. This is, after all, the reason for their commute: while they could take on a job in the Inland Empire, which would avoid long commutes, they choose not to do so because the coastal area jobs are better paying. To qualify for these coastal jobs, you need more human capital.

Figure 15 shows the percent of Prime-Age Workers with at least a bachelor's degree in Riverside County and San Bernardino County.

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FIGURE 15: PERCENT OF PRIME-AGE WORKERS WITH AT LEAST A BACHELOR'S DEGREE BY RACE, RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY



The lack of qualified workers plays directly into our outlook for the Inland Empire in 20 years or so. Even without considering the results of increased pollution, automation, and energy-use in the area, which we will address in a moment, there are other concerns regarding the weight

logistics has received in terms of attention by local politicians.

First there is the idea that the **logistics industry does not generate much value added** in terms of its output and income.

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## Jobs - County

RIVERSIDE COUNTY MAIN INDUSTRIES  
FOR JOBS 10%>

- RETAIL/COMMERCIAL
- HEALTH & SOCIAL
- TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSE

RIVERSIDE COUNTY MISSING  
INDUSTRIES FOR JOBS >1% \*

- ACCOMMODATION
- LEGAL
- ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING

RIVERSIDE  
COUNTY JOBS  
(OUTPUT)

\*DATA GATHERED FROM U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS  
News Release Information: 25-498-SAN Thursday, May 01, 2025

RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSING INDUSTRIES TRAVELING  
COMMUTERS

30% OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
COMMUTES OUT OF COUNTY

- INCREASE IN TRAFFIC /  
ACCIDENTS / POLLUTION /  
DETERIORATION OF ROADS

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# Jobs - County

## Targeted Industry Performance (Riverside County)

Riverside County's clear strength in transportation and logistics provides an opportunity for utilizing local innovation to transform the future of this industry. Likewise, the opportunities in other industries provides opportunity for increased economic diversification. Full target industry analysis available in appendix G.

### Strengths:

- **Transportation & Logistics: 75,305 jobs; LQ 2.14.**
- Hospitality & Tourism: 4,500+ establishments; LQ 1.18.

### Opportunities:

- Advanced Manufacturing: Weak presence in aerospace, semiconductors, and medical devices relative to peer counties.
- AgTech: Low employment and establishment LQs in most components of this cluster.
- Biotech: Low employment and establishment LQs in most components of this cluster.
- Clean Energy: Low employment and establishment LQs.
- Cybersecurity & Media Production: Minimal presence; LQs near zero.

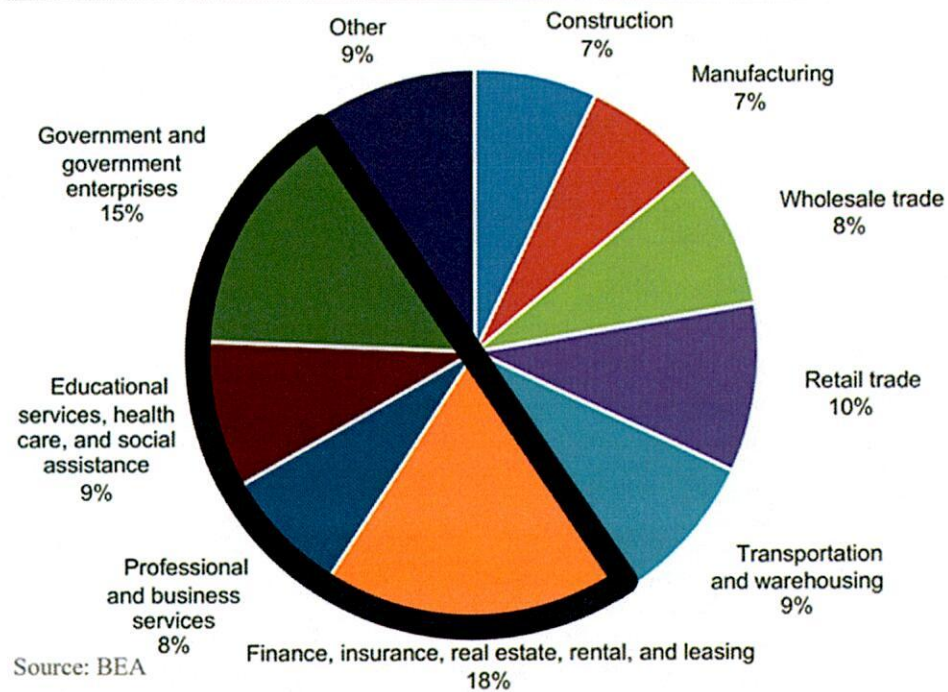
Riverside County is on a strong upward trajectory, consistently outperforming peer regions in job creation and business formation. To evolve from a fast follower into a regional leader, the County must address key structural challenges, particularly in workforce readiness and industry diversification. With strategic investments in education, infrastructure, and targeted sector development, Riverside County is well-positioned to become an innovation-driven economy over the next decade, setting a new benchmark for growth and adaptability across the Western U.S. and outperforming peer communities.

An LQ of 1.0 indicates that an industry's concentration (percentage of total jobs) in a local area is the same as the national average.

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# Jobs - County

**FIGURE 31: SHARE OF TOTAL OUTPUT BY INDUSTRY  
INLAND EMPIRE, 2022**



- The industries with the highest share of output in the Inland Empire MSA are government and government enterprises and finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing. Real estate, rental and leasing makes up a significantly higher share of output over finance and insurance, making up 86 percent of the output within that industry.
- The “other” category consists of (1) mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction, (2) agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, (3) utilities, (4) information, and (5) arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services.

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# Jobs - County

Major occupational group	Percent of total employment		Mean hourly wage (\$)	
	United States	Riverside	United States	Riverside
Total, all occupations	100.0	100.0	32.66	30.90
Management	7.1	5.1	68.15	62.83
Business and financial operations	6.7	4.2	45.04	42.15
Computer and mathematical	3.4	1.2	56.16	51.82
Architecture and engineering	1.7	0.9	49.99	49.20
Life, physical, and social science	0.9	0.7	43.12	43.62
Community and social service	1.7	1.9	30.31	34.19
Legal	0.8	0.4	66.19	69.03
Educational instruction and library	5.8	6.4	31.69	37.81
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	1.4	0.9	37.04	33.35
Healthcare practitioners and technical	6.2	5.5	50.59	58.92
Healthcare support	4.8	7.5	19.06	18.66
Protective service	2.4	2.8	29.33	32.31
Food preparation and serving related	8.8	10.0	17.32	19.66
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	2.9	2.9	19.01	21.24
Personal care and service	2.0	2.1	18.95	20.19
Sales and related	8.7	8.0	26.00	24.05
Office and administrative support	11.8	10.6	24.12	25.27
Farming, fishing, and forestry	0.3	0.4	20.06	19.35
Construction and extraction	4.1	5.0	30.73	34.64
Installation, maintenance, and repair	3.9	3.8	29.63	32.19
Production	5.7	4.5	24.08	23.96
Transportation and material moving	8.9	15.3	23.44	24.01



# United States<sup>®</sup> Census Bureau

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Display Sources



#### Populations and People

Total Population

**2,418,185**

[P1](#) | 2020 Decennial Census



#### Employment

Employment Rate

**57.9%**

[DP03](#) | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



#### Business and Economy

Total Employer Establishments

**46,244**

[CB2300CBP](#) | 2023 Economic Surveys Business Patterns



#### Income and Poverty

Median Household Income

**\$93,172**

[S1901](#) | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



#### Housing

Total Housing Units

**888,084**

[B25002](#) | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



#### Families and Living Arrangements

Total Households

**797,569**

[DP02](#) | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



#### Education

Bachelor's Degree or Higher

**26.2%**

[S1501](#) | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



#### Health

Without Health Care Coverage

**7.2%**

[S2701](#) | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



#### Race and Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino (of any race)

**1,202,295**

[P9](#) | 2020 Decennial Census

## Jobs - County

# Jobs - County

TABLE 3: EMPLOYMENT LEVEL, LARGE MSAS/COUNTY, CES, CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO, DEC 2023

Area	Dec-23	Yr Change	% Change
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario MSA	1,703,700	32,400	1.9%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metro Div	4,682,300	95,900	2.1%
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura MSA	322,200	8,100	2.6%
Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine Metro Div	1,730,400	35,900	2.1%
Sacramento--Roseville--Arden-Arcade MSA	1,102,900	29,700	2.8%
Fresno MSA	394,900	8,400	2.2%
Oakland-Hayward-Berkeley Metro Div	1,206,500	22,100	1.9%
San Diego-Carlsbad MSA	1,581,400	23,400	1.5%
San Francisco-Redwood City-South San Francisco Metro Div	1,214,400	15,600	1.3%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA	1,190,300	13,400	1.1%
Bakersfield MSA	293,100	3,100	1.1%
Stockton-Lodi MSA	277,800	1,600	0.6%

Note: Social areas highlighted in blue

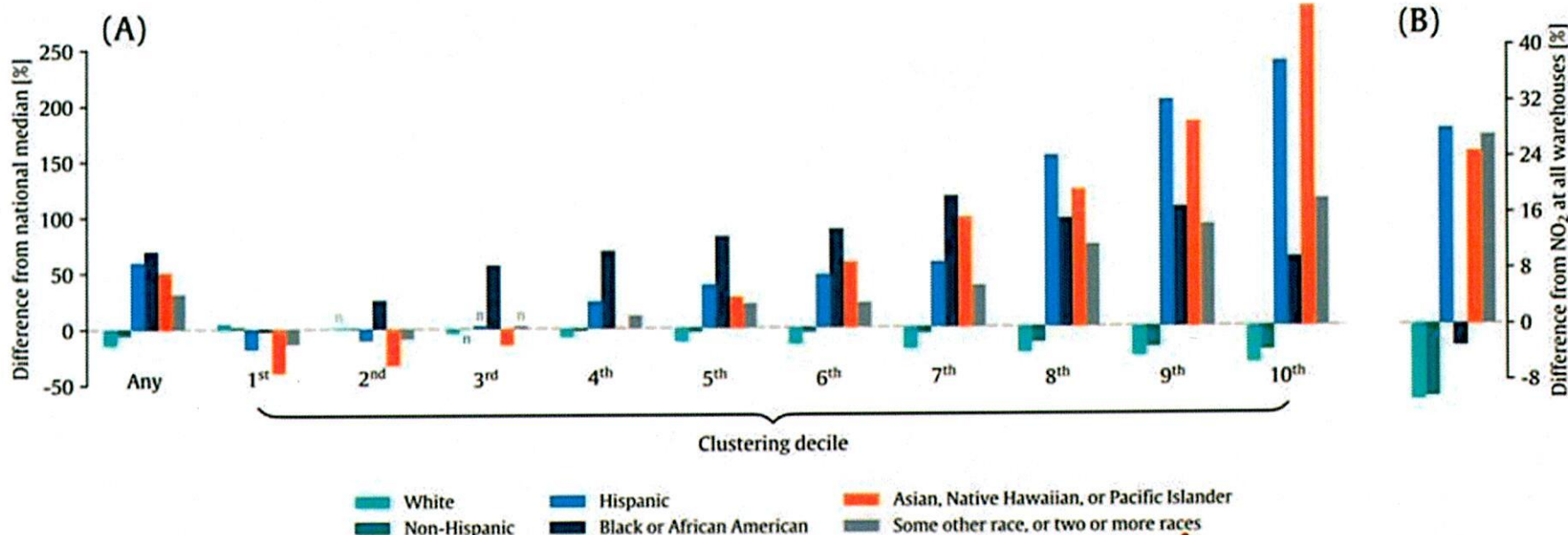
# Jobs - County

		Real gross domestic product				Thousands of chained (2017) dollars				Rank in state	
Percent change from preceding period		Percent change		Rank in state		2022		2021		2020	
2023	2023	2022	2021	2023	2023	2022	2021	2022	2021	2020	2020
Imperial	2	16.4	-4.1	28	10,467,574	8,994,544	1,089,927	1,141,849	1,134,970	8,402,635	8,764,641
Inyo	17	4.8	-4.0	50	1,141,849	1,089,927	1,134,970	1,141,849	1,134,970	1,136,875	1,136,875
Kern	16	5.2	-3.8	14	46,941,848	44,626,843	46,383,111	46,941,848	46,383,111	45,610,265	45,610,265
Kings	32	2.5	4.0	33	7,041,297	6,868,202	6,604,670	7,041,297	6,604,670	6,531,692	6,531,692
Lake	28	2.7	-1.9	43	1,954,710	1,902,809	1,940,505	1,954,710	1,902,809	1,879,722	1,879,722
Lassen	34	2.3	-3.5	49	1,142,546	1,116,864	1,157,718	1,142,546	1,116,864	1,175,128	1,175,128
Los Angeles	43	1.0	2.6	1	801,967,353	793,716,985	773,571,300	801,967,353	793,716,985	729,068,982	729,068,982
Madera	25	3.0	-6.3	34	6,226,914	6,043,485	6,448,515	6,226,914	6,043,485	6,201,866	6,201,866
Marin	36	1.6	-0.7	18	30,661,017	30,168,355	30,392,613	30,661,017	30,168,355	29,348,325	29,348,325
Mariposa	4	10.8	3.7	54	786,148	709,217	683,994	786,148	709,217	661,568	661,568
Mendocino	18	4.5	-2.3	38	3,667,396	3,508,130	3,590,938	3,667,396	3,508,130	3,395,421	3,395,421
Merced	49	0.4	2.0	29	9,548,937	9,511,320	9,294,314	9,548,937	9,511,320	9,115,222	9,115,222
Modoc	1	19.0	4.0	55	554,727	466,071	448,056	554,727	466,071	459,550	459,550
Mono	9	8.5	10.0	48	1,178,510	1,085,719	1,024,799	1,178,510	1,085,719	931,741	931,741
Monterey	19	3.9	0.7	20	28,980,213	27,891,144	27,567,952	28,980,213	27,891,144	27,384,056	27,384,056
Napa	26	3.0	-3.4	27	11,412,110	11,077,239	11,466,302	11,412,110	11,077,239	10,431,615	10,431,615
Nevada	31	2.5	3.5	36	4,747,160	4,629,590	4,472,549	4,747,160	4,629,590	4,304,596	4,304,596
Nevada	31	2.5	3.5	36	4,747,160	4,629,590	4,472,549	4,747,160	4,629,590	4,304,596	4,304,596
Orange	48	0.5	1.3	3	273,063,592	271,594,865	268,088,252	273,063,592	271,594,865	252,885,765	252,885,765
Placer	39	1.4	2.4	21	27,022,666	26,650,663	26,026,237	27,022,666	26,650,663	23,905,563	23,905,563
Plumas	3	12.2	-6.1	51	1,035,904	923,602	840,333	1,035,904	923,602	895,325	895,325
Riverside	40	1.4	2.6	10	98,880,553	97,560,909	95,104,339	98,880,553	97,560,909	89,428,650	89,428,650
Sacramento	29	2.7	2.3	8	102,387,018	99,742,125	97,522,589	102,387,018	99,742,125	92,219,821	92,219,821
San Benito	57	-2.0	-0.4	41	2,273,410	2,320,574	2,330,960	2,273,410	2,320,574	2,203,403	2,203,403
San Bernardino	44	0.9	1.3	9	102,307,449	101,393,574	100,046,884	102,307,449	101,393,574	94,067,565	94,067,565
San Diego	38	1.4	3.1	4	261,671,687	258,035,086	250,384,596	261,671,687	258,035,086	233,308,848	233,308,848



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# Air pollution impacts from warehousing in the United States uncovered with satellite data

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African American population (by 69.5%); Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander population (by 50.9%); and population identifying as some other race or two or more races (by 31.5%) in 2021 (Fig. 4A). As the number of clustered warehouses increased, the proportions of racial-ethnic minorities also increased. In the top ten percent of tracts with the most warehouses, the proportion of the Hispanic population was nearly 240% higher (28.1% versus 8.3%) and the Asian population nearly 290% higher than U.S. median values (6.2% versus 1.6%).

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**24.7**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Roy Bleckert spoke regarding saving girls' sports, need for more local government involvement, and recommendations regarding public comment section during Board Meetings.

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**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.  
24.7**



Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
Request to Speak

Submit request to the Clerk of the Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Ray Bleckert

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda # public

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

\_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

**Note:** If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: \_\_\_\_\_

Parking validations available for speakers only – see Clerk of the Board.

(Revised: 04/23/2025)

## BOARD RULES

### Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

### Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

### Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, ensuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo. **Speakers are prohibited from bringing signs, placards, or posters into the hearing room.**

### Individual Speaker Limits:

**Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.** The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board. Please step up to the podium when the Chair calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chair adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

### Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chair's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

### Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chair:

The Chair will determine what order the speakers will address the Board and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chair may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.