

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, February 3, 2026, Greg Langworthy, Desare Ferraro, Shari Franklin, Veronica Langworthy, Cyndie Allen, and Jim Niederecker spoke regarding the Prop 50 2025 audit results and the need for reconciliation.

**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.
24.1**



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SPEAKER'S NAME: Greg Langworthy

Address: 21227 Front St.

City: Wildomar Zip: _____

Phone #: 951-704-5

Date: Feb 3, 2026 Agenda # Public Comment

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In front ✓
of Shari
Franklin

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Desare Ferraro

Address: _____

City: Murrieta Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Shari Franklin

Address: _____

City: Temecula Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

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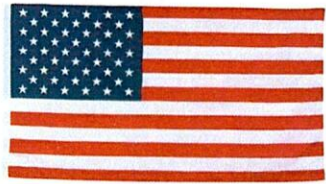
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Riverside County ScoreCard

Riverside County, CA 2024 General Election Validity Scorecard

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Registrations with material errors and omissions as per the Civil Rights Acts of 1964	Number of Instances*
Illegal duplicate registrations	10,766
Registrant with multiple votes in same election	3,140
Voted prior to "New Registration" date	428,047
Questionable inactive status	986
Voted while Inactive	59
Backdated registrations	250,393
Registered on January 1st	14,823
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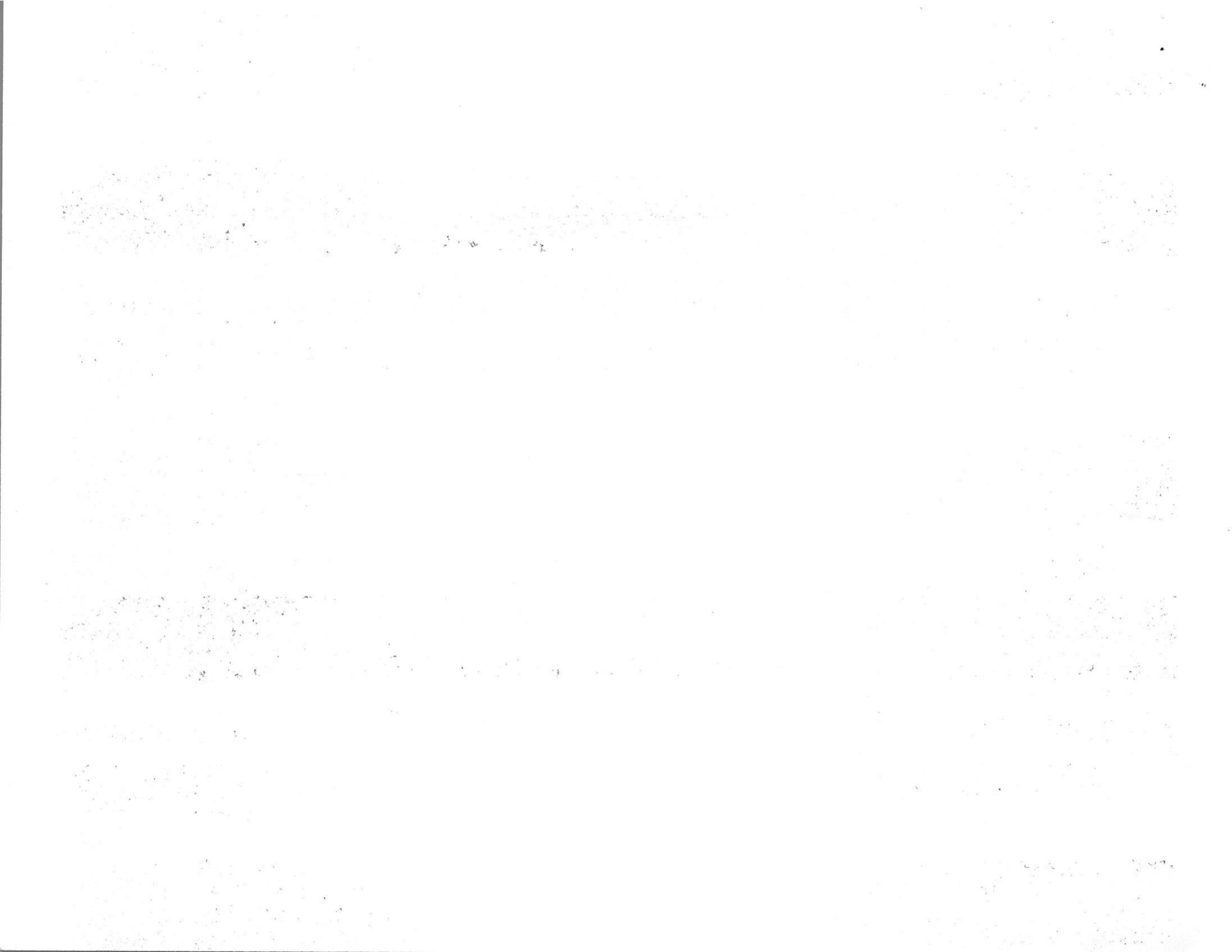


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★ 2. Were the votes counted from eligible voters, as required by the US Constitution?

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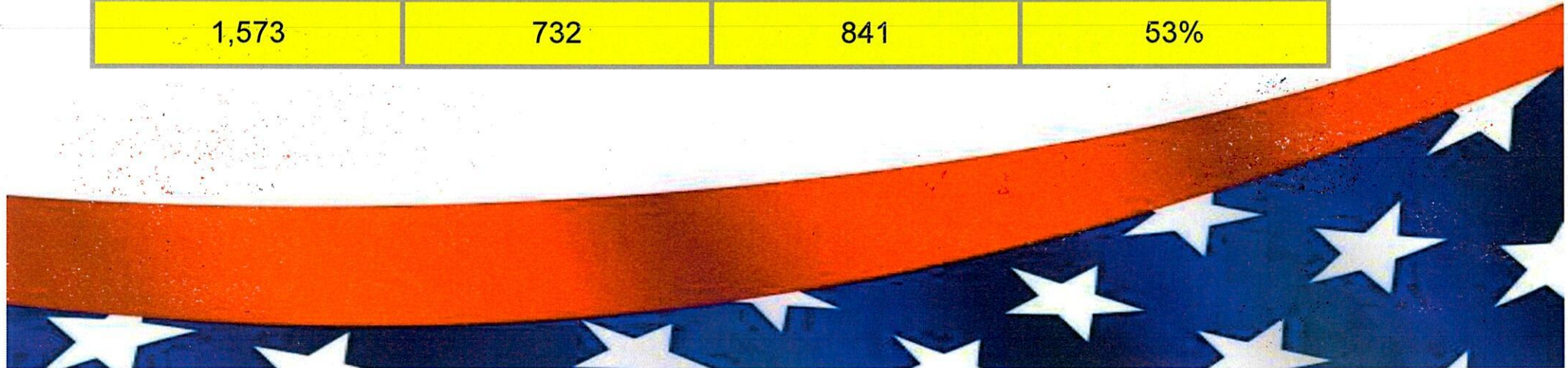




Forgery Detection/Rejected Signatures

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Vote Center Issue	0	1	1
Total	778	8336	9114

Flores, Kate

From: Acquia Mail
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 8:21 PM
To: franklinshari@gmail.com
Cc: Clerk of the Board
Subject: Request to Speak Web Submission
Attachments: 2024-prop-50-audit-results-(2).pdf



Thank you for submitting your request to speak. The Clerk of the Board office has received your request and will be prepared to allow you to speak when your item is called. To attend the meeting, please call (669) 900-6833 and use **Meeting ID # 864 4411 6015 . Password is 20260203**. You will be muted until your item is pulled and your name is called. Please dial in at 9:00 am with the phone number you provided in the form so you can be identified during the meeting.

Submitted on February 2, 2026

Submitted values are:

First Name

Shari

Last Name

Franklin

Phone

7147431880

Email

franklinshari@gmail.com

Agenda Date

02/03/2026

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

public comments

Comments

I had to leave before last week's public comments so I hope to present this same information from last week. See attached.

Thank you!

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Veronica Langworthy

Address: _____

City: Wildomar Zip: _____

Phone #: 951-704-4210

Date: 2/3/2020 Agenda # 24

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Pilot Program
Support _____ Oppose _____ Neutral _____

< NOV 4, 2025 agenda item 3.15 >
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SPEAKER'S NAME: Cyndie Allen

Address: _____

City: Temecula Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

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Public Comment
Cyndie Allen



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SPEAKER'S NAME: JIM NIEDERBECKER

Address: _____

City: TEMECULA Zip: _____

Phone #: 951-675-3923

Date: 2/3/26 Agenda # PUBLIC COMMENT

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

24.2

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, February 3, 2026, Errol Koshewitz spoke regarding PRA request for Riverside County's vendors list.

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**AGENDA NO.
24.2**



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SPEAKER'S NAME: ERROL KOSHER 1/2

Address: _____

City: 24 Public Center Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Agenda # 24

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

24.3

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, February 3, 2026, Roy Bleckert spoke regarding an email he sent concerning the Moreno Valley Youth Center Project and fraud investigations..

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Ray

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Agenda # PUBLIC

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Sicra, Naomi

From: Clerk of the Board
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 11:16 AM
To: Sicra, Naomi
Subject: FW: Moreno Valley Youth Center

Categories: Not done

Please add to Roy Bleckert's public comment from today.

Best regards,

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Riverside County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Room 127
Riverside, CA 92501
Phone: (951) 955-1069
Fax: (951) 955-1071
Mail Stop #1010
cob@rivco.org
<http://rivcocob.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/RivCoCOB/>

From: Roy Bleckert <sprintcar166@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 7:33 PM
To: Supervisor Medina - 1st District <district1@RIVCO.ORG>; Office of 2nd District Supervisor <District2@rivco.org>; District3 <District3@Rivco.org>; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez <District4@RIVCO.ORG>; District 5 <District5@rivco.org>; Van Wagenen, Jeffrey <JVanWagenen@RIVCO.ORG>; Clerk of the Board <COB@RIVCO.ORG>; Bianco, Chad <jbianco@riversidesheriff.org>; michaelhestrin@rivcoda.org; mtran@rivco.org; Benoit, Ben J <BJBenoit@Rivco.org>; Sharp, Donald <dsharp@riversidesheriff.org>; Walsh, Michael <MFWalsh@RIVCO.ORG>
Subject: Re: Moreno Valley Youth Center

THE SILENCE IS DEAFENING !!!

On Mon, Jan 26, 2026 at 8:29 AM Office of 2nd District Supervisor <District2@rivco.org> wrote:

Hi Roy,

Thank you for contacting the office of Supervisor Karen Spiegel. We appreciate you taking the time to reach out to our office.

Please be assured that your message was received and passed along to the Supervisor for her awareness and consideration.

Best wishes,

Second District, Riverside County

From: Roy Bleckert <sprintcar166@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 3:37 PM
To: Office of 2nd District Supervisor <District2@rivco.org>
Subject: Re: Moreno Valley Youth Center

It went to District 5 & Karen voted for this project every time it came up, so I believe she has a responsibility to be a transparent & responsible official in the administration of RivCo Business! Have a fantastic vday !!!

On Fri, Jan 23, 2026 at 2:57 PM Office of 2nd District Supervisor <District2@rivco.org> wrote:

Hi Roy,

Thank you for contacting the office of Supervisor Karen Spiegel. I appreciate you taking the time to reach out to us.

This request should go directly to District 5, Supervisor Yxstian Guterrez since the project falls under his District.

Best wishes,


Second District, Riverside County

From: Roy Bleckert <sprintcar166@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 1:36 PM

To: Supervisor Medina - 1st District <district1@RIVCO.ORG>; Office of 2nd District Supervisor <District2@rivco.org>; District3 <District3@Rivco.org>; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez <District4@RIVCO.ORG>; District 5 <District5@rivco.org>; Van Wagenen, Jeffrey <JVanWagenen@RIVCO.ORG>; Clerk of the Board <COB@RIVCO.ORG>; Bianco, Chad <jbianco@riversidesheriff.org>; michaelhestrin@rivcoda.org; mtran@rivco.org; Benoit, Ben J <BJBenoit@Rivco.org>; Sharp, Donald <dsharp@riversidesheriff.org>; Walsh, Michael <MFWalsh@rivco.org>

Subject: Moreno Valley Youth Center

 SBX 102823.mp4

Hi Everyone, I am formally requesting a comprehensive status update on the **Moreno Valley Youth Center project entrusted to SBX**, which is overseen by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

It has now been **over two years since the contract amendment** for this project and **nearly four years since it was approved**, originally presented to the public as a **“signature project”** for both Riverside County and the City of Moreno Valley.

If Riverside County has provided a public update since the **November 28, 2023 Board of Supervisors hearing**, I may have missed it. If so, please direct me to where that information is publicly available.

If no such update has been issued, that omission itself raises concern.

As taxpayers and community members, **the public deserves transparency** regarding:

- How publicly funded projects are progressing
- Whether they are being utilized in accordance with the approved agreements
- Whether professional standards are being met
- And whether public funds are being administered lawfully, equitably, and in alignment with the highest ethical standards

Accordingly, I am requesting a **full and complete update** on the current status of the Moreno Valley Youth Center, including but not limited to:

- Current **construction status**
- Whether the facility is **operational**
- Whether it is being **staffed, run, and operated by SBX** in accordance with the terms of the agreement
- Any **changes, amendments, or deviations**—public or internal—related to the project’s scope, operations, or management

For reference, I have included video from the **November 28, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting**, which is the last public hearing I am aware of regarding this project.

I appreciate your **prompt attention and response** to this matter, and I look forward to a clear and transparent update for the public record.

Respectfully,

Roy Bleckert

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Roy Bleckert..... 1 Rad Bad Dude !!!!! 951 208 9967

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Flores, Kate

From: Acquia Mail
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 7:42 AM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: Public Comments Web Submission
Attachments: 2-3-26-letter-to-riverside-city-council.pdf



The Clerk of the Board has received your public comments and will forward them to the Board of Supervisors. If you wish to call in and speak at the Board of Supervisors meeting, please select <https://rivcocob.org/request-to-speak> and fill out the request to speak form.

Thank you,
Riverside County Clerk of the Board

Submitted on February 3, 2026

Submitted values are:

First Name

Eve

Last Name

Garrow

Address (Street, City and Zip)

4393 6th Street, Riverside 92501

Phone

310-948-1134

Email

eve.garrow@gmail.com

Agenda Date

02/03/2026

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

public comment

State your position below

Oppose

Comments

Please see the attached letter.

Attachments (Must be .pdf, .doc, or .docx)

[2-3-26-letter-to-riverside-city-council.pdf](#)

February 3, 2026

Dear Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson and Riverside City Council,

As a Ward 1 constituent, I envision a city where everyone—regardless of income—has access to a safe, affordable, permanent home in which to take care of themselves and their loved ones and fulfill their dreams. Unfortunately, the Riverside City Council took a step backward by voting 4-3 to reject a \$20.1 million state grant and deciding against using \$9.5 million in federal and state funds to convert the Quality Inn Motel into apartments for low income and houseless residents.

Had this project been approved, it could have brought more than 100 community members with disabilities indoors—people who now face daily deprivation, exposure, and a dramatically elevated risk of death. Housing is healthcare, and housing saves lives.

As policymakers, your responsibility is to diagnose problems accurately and support morally defensible, evidence-based solutions. The truth is that the houselessness crisis is, at its core, an affordable housing crisis—a reality Riverside renters know all too well. Rents are skyrocketing. Since 2021, Fair Market Rent (FMR) has jumped by more than 60 percent for one-bedroom units and by 58% for 2-bedrooms. The Riverside metro area now ranks fourth in the nation for fastest growing rents.

This surge has priced out a majority of local renters, pushing many to the brink of losing their homes. Today, FMR for a **zero-bedroom** apartment in Riverside County is **\$1,776**, requiring an income of over **\$71,000**. The median renter income is **\$64,464**, meaning that **more than half of renters** cannot afford even a studio apartment.

The solution to the affordability crisis is not to deny funding but to expand affordable housing, especially for our most vulnerable neighbors: those living with disabilities and without homes. The funding sources your council rejected could have made a profound difference for these residents and for our city as a whole.

Some of you have defended your decision by mischaracterizing the housing-first model as a “failure,” despite overwhelming research showing that it is the most effective and humane approach to stabilizing people’s lives and improving health outcomes. You claim we should return to the old, debunked models that condition housing on sobriety or treatment, ignoring both evidence and equity. Access to housing has never been based on such terms in the private market and should not be for those most in need.

It is disheartening to see false narratives used to justify harmful policy choices. Instead of confronting the real drivers of this crisis—rising rents, stagnant wages, and the shortage of affordable homes—some of you have chosen rhetoric that deepens divisions and distracts from solutions.

I join many community members and groups urging you to take bold, evidence-based action to address Riverside’s housing affordability and houselessness crisis. We ask you to prioritize those with the greatest need and to work toward a city that is welcoming, equitable, and livable for everyone—not just the few who can still afford its soaring rent.

Feel free to contact me at eve.garrow@gmail.com or 310-948-1134 to discuss these concerns.

Sincerely,

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