

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



ITEM: 3.9
(ID # 30685)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approval of Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget Amendments & Resolution of Adoption, All Districts. [Total Appropriations - \$27,052,826 - 31% General Fund and 69% departmental revenues]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the budget adjustments to the Recommended Budget listed in Attachment A;
2. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments shown on Attachment A;
3. Approve revisions to Resolution No. 440-9530 containing amendments to Ordinance 440 and Budget Schedule 20 listed in Attachment B;
4. Approve Resolution No. 2026-133 adopting the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget as amended, contained in Attachment C; and
5. Receive and file the Transportation Department's Fiscal Year 2025/26 Cash-in-Lieu Report as required by Board of Supervisors Policy B-36, contained in Attachment D.

ACTION: Position Added, Policy

Jeff Van Wagenen, County Executive Officer 6/16/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 23, 2026
xc: EO

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By:
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$27,052,826	\$27,052,826	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$8,401,826	\$8,401,826	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 31% - General Fund and 69% - Departmental Revenues			Budget Adjustment: Yes	
			For Fiscal Year: 2026/27	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary:

On June 9, 2026, following a public budget hearing that included presentations from County departments, public testimony, and Board deliberations, the Board of Supervisors approved the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Recommended Budget as revised in writing and directed formal adoption of the budget on June 23, 2026.

The Fiscal Year 2026/27 Recommended Budget was developed through months of financial analysis, departmental review, executive management discussions, and community engagement. Throughout the process, the Executive Office evaluated requests using fiscal parameters and a decision framework described during the budget hearing. The Recommended Budget reflected a transition from a period of extraordinary revenue growth to one requiring increased fiscal discipline and active fiscal management.

During the budget hearing, County departments presented requests for additional funding to address operational needs, maintain staffing levels, and support strategic initiatives. Members of the public also provided testimony regarding a wide range of community priorities and service needs. Following these presentations and deliberations, the Board directed a series of targeted revisions to the Recommended Budget as described in Table 1 below.

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Table 1: Revision to the Recommended Budget

<u>Written Revision for Departments</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ag Commissioner: New Investigation Supervision Staff	Augmentation	\$149,863
Animal Services: New Community Outreach Campaign	Augmentation	250,000
Auditor Controller: New Admin & Accounting Staff	Augmentation	509,695
District Attorney: New Cybercrimes Unit Staff & Software	Augmentation	678,919
Executive Office: Increase UCI by \$500,000 per Board District	Augmentation	2,500,000
Executive Office: General Fund Contingency	Augmentation	4,025,979
Fire: New ECC Dispatch Center Staff	Augmentation	895,311
Housing & Workforce Solutions: Affordable Housing	Augmentation	5,000,000
Office of Economic Development: Incubator/Innovation	Augmentation	250,000
Office of Economic Development: Film Commission	Augmentation	100,000
Office on Aging: Home Delivery of Meals	Augmentation	315,000
Office on Aging: Congregate Delivery of Meals	Augmentation	986,000
Registrar of Voters: New Outreach Coordination Staff	Augmentation	132,315
Sheriff: CAD, RMS, JIMS Software Project	Prop 172	7,400,000
Sheriff: Contract Forensic Pathologists	Augmentation	1,100,000
TLMA Planning: Amend Ord. 460 (Subdivisions)	Augmentation	100,000
TLMA Planning: Amend Ord. 671 (Inclusionary Housing)	Augmentation	150,000
TLMA Planning: Amend Ord. 847 (Noise)	Augmentation	50,000
TLMA Planning: Amend BOS Policy F-3	Augmentation	250,000
TLMA Planning: Amend General Plan for Fire Maps	Augmentation	150,000
TLMA Planning: Amend Foundation General Plan Process	Augmentation	50,000
TLMA Planning: Cabazon Community Plan	Augmentation	75,000
TLMA Planning: HCD Pro-Housing Designation	Augmentation	75,000
Veterans Services: New Claim Posting Staff	Augmentation	106,918
United Way: Bridge Funding	Augmentation	600,000
Lift to Rise: Catalyst Fund	Augmentation	1,500,000
	Total:	<u>\$27,400,000</u>

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Collectively, the revisions represent targeted investments in priorities identified by the Board during the budget hearing. While the revisions modify the Recommended Budget, they do not alter the underlying fiscal strategy. The Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget continues to prioritize preservation of core services, avoidance of widespread layoffs, maintenance of prudent reserves, and gradual reduction of the structural deficit through active fiscal management.

The Assessor-Clerk-Recorder, District Attorney, and Sheriff presented requests for additional funding to maintain current staffing levels. Similar concerns were raised throughout the budget development process by departments across multiple portfolios. These requests reflected legitimate operational pressures and service demands. Unfortunately, the cumulative cost of those requests significantly exceeded the discretionary revenue available to support them.

The Executive Office will immediately begin working with departments to address operational needs through the fiscal management strategies previously presented to and approved by the Board. These efforts will include continuation of the discretionary General Fund hiring freeze; implementation of maximum fill rates that allow departments to continue hiring into critical classifications (Deputy Sheriff, Deputy District Attorney, Social Services Practitioner, and similar positions) while gradually reducing funded staffing levels through attrition; strategic use of reserves on a just-in-time basis to support departments as these and other strategies are implemented; expenditure controls; and identification of operational efficiencies. Collectively, these strategies have proven effective during the current fiscal year in helping the County manage fiscal pressures while avoiding widespread layoffs.

The adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget does not conclude the County's fiscal management efforts. Rather, it marks the beginning of budget implementation and active fiscal management. The Executive Office will continue monitoring revenues, expenditures, staffing levels, state and federal actions, and economic conditions throughout the fiscal year and will report regularly to the Board through the County's quarterly budget reporting process. In addition, the Executive Office will track implementation of the priorities, programs, and projects funded through the Written Revision and provide periodic progress updates to the Board.

Approval of the recommended actions will formally adopt the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget as revised by the Board of Supervisors and authorize implementation of the County's financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

Additionally, and pursuant to Board of Supervisors Policy B-36, the Transportation Department is required to update and present a Cash-In-Lieu Report to the Board of Supervisors annually as a companion document to the County's annual operating budget. The report documents projects that were started or completed in the previous Fiscal Year utilizing Cash-In-Lieu funding. Please refer to Attachment D for the Transportation Department's FY 2025/26 Cash-in-Lieu Annual Report.

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Supplemental Financial Information:

After these adjustments are made the new total appropriations and revenue for FY 2026/27 Adopted Budget are:

REVISED TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$10,368,451,939
REVISED TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,906,012,662

The approved revisions did not change the year-end projection for General Fund reserves of \$584 million.

Impact on Residents and Businesses:

The Recommended Budget provides funding for a wide range of services relied upon by Riverside County residents and businesses, including public safety, healthcare, behavioral health services, housing and homelessness programs, social services, workforce development, transportation infrastructure, economic development, elections, parks, libraries, and other essential County operations. The budget also incorporates targeted investments approved by the Board during the budget hearing process and reflected in the Written Revision. These investments support specific priorities identified by the Board, County departments, community stakeholders, and residents through the County's public engagement efforts.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – FY 2026/27 Recommended Budget Adjustments

Attachment B – Ordinance 440-9530 Revisions

Attachment C – Resolution No. 2026-133

Attachment D – Transportation Department FY 2025/26 Cash-in-Lieu Annual Report

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-133

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California in regular session assembled on June 23, 2026, that pursuant to Sections 29080 through 29092 of the Government Code, the budget of the County of Riverside, including all districts, agencies, and authorities governed by this Board, is hereby adopted for Fiscal Year 2026/27, in accordance with the financing requirements of the recommended budget, less such deletions and reductions plus such additions and increases as have been made by order of this Board during and after the budget hearings commenced on June 8, 2026, and prior to and including the adoption of this resolution, said adoption including by reference the financing requirements of the recommended budget on file with the Clerk of this Board and the minutes of this Board as to changes therein, and that said adopted budget shall consist of:

- (a) Appropriations by objects of expenditures within each budget unit;
- (b) Other financing uses by budget unit;
- (c) Intrafund transfers by budget unit;
- (d) Residual equity transfers-out by fund;
- (e) Appropriations for contingencies by fund;
- (f) Cancellations and provisions for reserves and designations by fund and purpose, as may finally be determined;
- (g) The means of financing the budget requirements;
- (h) The gross appropriations limit and the total annual appropriations subject to limitation, as finally determined; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, within the object of Salaries and Employee Benefits, the object of Services and Supplies, the object of Other Charges, and the subobject of Capital Assets for each budget unit, the listing of items are only for convenience, and shall not restrict expenditure within the limits of the total appropriation approved for the specified object or subobject by the official responsible for that budget unit, except as otherwise provided by procedures and adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

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5 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 BUDGET

6 ROLL CALL:

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8 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

9 Nays: None

10 Absent: None

11 Abstain: None

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13 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
14 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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16 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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18 By:  _____

19 Deputy

RESOLUTION NO. 440-9530

REVISION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on June 23, 2026, that pursuant to Section 4(a)(ii) of Ordinance No. 440, the County Executive Officer is hereby authorized to make the position change(s) to Ordinance No. 440 with an operative date of July 01, 2026, as revisions to Schedule 20, Summary of Authorized Positions, which is presented in the FY 2026/27 Recommended Budget Book.

<u>Job Code</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Department ID</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Type</u>
15915	+1	1300100000	Accounting Technician I	Regular
74114	+1	1300100000	Administrative Services Assistant	Regular
77413	+1	1300100000	Senior Accountant	Regular
13008	+1	1700100000	Elections Outreach Coordinator	Regular
37666	+1	2200100000	Senior District Attorney Investigator B	Regular
78506	+1	2200100000	Paralegal II	Regular
78534	+1	2200100000	Deputy District Attorney IV	Regular
13804	+2	2700200000	Fire Communications Supervisor	Regular
13807	+6	2700200000	Fire Communications Dispatcher II	Regular
13808	+4	2700200000	Senior Fire Communications Dispatcher	Regular
78710	+1	2800100000	Supervising Agricultural & Standards Investigator	Regular
79912	+1	5400100000	Veterans Services Representative II	Regular

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5 ADOPTED by Riverside County Board of Supervisors on June 23, 2026.

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7 ROLL CALL:

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9 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

10 Nays: None

11 Absent: None

12 Abstain: None

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14 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
15 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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17 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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19 By:  _____

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FY 2026/27 Adopted Budget Changes by Department

Dept ID	Department Name	Fund	Category	Expenditures	Estimated Revenues	Net General Fund	Net Other Funds
Finance and Government Services							
1101000000	Contribution To Other Funds	10000	Other Financing Sources	\$11,251,000		\$11,251,000	
1103000000	Augmentation	10000	Other Financing Sources	(20,000,000)		(20,000,000)	
1109000000	Approp For Contingency-General	10000	Approp For Contingencies	4,025,979		4,025,979	
1111500000	Integrated Service Delivery	11210	Other Charges	600,000			600,000
1111500000	Integrated Service Delivery	11210	Other Financing Sources		600,000		(600,000)
1111600000	Unincorporated Comm. Initiatives	11230	Other Financing Uses	500,000			500,000
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1111600000	Unincorporated Comm. Initiatives	11240	Other Financing Uses	500,000			500,000
1111600000	Unincorporated Comm. Initiatives	11240	Other Financing Sources		500,000		(500,000)
1111600000	Unincorporated Comm. Initiatives	11250	Other Financing Uses	500,000			500,000
1111600000	Unincorporated Comm. Initiatives	11250	Other Financing Sources		500,000		(500,000)
1111600000	Unincorporated Comm. Initiatives	11260	Other Financing Uses	500,000			500,000
1111600000	Unincorporated Comm. Initiatives	11260	Other Financing Sources		500,000		(500,000)
1111600000	Unincorporated Comm. Initiatives	11270	Other Financing Uses	500,000			500,000
1111600000	Unincorporated Comm. Initiatives	11270	Other Financing Sources		500,000		(500,000)
	Subtotal Executive Office			(1,623,021)	3,100,000	(4,723,021)	0
1300100000	Auditor-Controller	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	343,509		343,509	
1300100000	Auditor-Controller	10000	Services and Supplies	166,186		166,186	
	Subtotal Auditor-Controller			509,695		509,695	
1302400000	Prop 172 Public Safety Revenue	11039	Other Financing Uses	7,400,000			7,400,000
	Subtotal Prop 172 Public Safety Revenue			7,400,000			7,400,000
1700100000	Registrar Of Voters	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	132,315		132,315	
	Subtotal Registrar Of Voters			132,315		132,315	
Total Finance and Government Services				6,418,989	3,100,000	(4,081,011)	7,400,000
Human Services							
5300100000	Office on Aging-Title III	21450	Other Charges	1,301,000			1,301,000
5300100000	Office on Aging-Title III	21450	Other Financing Sources		1,301,000		(1,301,000)
	Subtotal Office on Aging			1,301,000	1,301,000		0
5400100000	Veterans Services	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	106,918		106,918	
	Subtotal Veterans Services			106,918		106,918	
5502000000	PLHA-HWS	21340	Other Charges	6,500,000			6,500,000
5502000000	PLHA-HWS	21340	Other Financing Sources		6,500,000		(6,500,000)
	Subtotal Housing & Workforce Solutions			6,500,000	6,500,000		0
Total Human Services				7,907,918	7,801,000	106,918	0
Public Safety							
2200100000	District Attorney	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	678,919		678,919	
	Subtotal District Attorney			678,919		678,919	
2500200000	Sheriff Support	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	70,717		70,717	
2500200000	Sheriff Support	10000	Capital Assets	7,329,283		7,329,283	
2500200000	Sheriff Support	10000	Other Financing Sources		7,400,000	(7,400,000)	
2501000000	Sheriff Coroner	10000	Services and Supplies	1,100,000		1,100,000	
	Subtotal Sheriff			8,500,000	7,400,000	1,100,000	
2700200000	Fire Protection	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,836,061		1,836,061	
2700200000	Fire Protection	10000	Services and Supplies	61,076		61,076	
2700200000	Fire Protection	10000	Charges for Current Services		1,001,826	(1,001,826)	
	Subtotal Fire			1,897,137	1,001,826	895,311	
Total Public Safety				11,076,056	8,401,826	2,674,230	0
Public Works and Community Services							
1901000000	Economic Development	21100	Services and Supplies	350,000			350,000
1901000000	Economic Development	21100	Other Financing Sources		350,000		(350,000)
	Subtotal Office of Economic Development			350,000	350,000		0
2800100000	Agricultural Commissioner	10000	Salaries and Employee Benefits	149,863		149,863	
	Subtotal Agricultural Commissioner			149,863		149,863	
3120100000	Planning	10000	Services and Supplies	900,000		900,000	
	Subtotal Planning			900,000		900,000	
4200600000	DAS - Operations	10000	Services and Supplies	250,000		250,000	
	Subtotal Animal Services			250,000		250,000	
Total Public Works and Community Services				1,649,863	350,000	1,299,863	0
Grand Total				\$27,052,826	\$19,652,826	\$0	\$7,400,000

FY 2026/27 Adopted Budget Changes by Fund

Fund	Fund Name	Expenditures	Estimated Revenues	Net General Fund	Net Other Funds
10000	General Fund	\$8,401,826	\$8,401,826	\$0	
11039	Public Safety Augmentation	7,400,000	0		7,400,000
11210	Integrated Service Delivery	600,000	600,000		0
11230	UCI District 1	500,000	500,000		0
11240	UCI District 2	500,000	500,000		0
11250	UCI District 3	500,000	500,000		0
11260	UCI District 4	500,000	500,000		0
11270	UCI District 5	500,000	500,000		0
21100	EDA-Administration	350,000	350,000		0
21340	HWS Grants	6,500,000	6,500,000		0
21450	Office On Aging	1,301,000	1,301,000		0
Grand Total		\$27,052,826	\$19,652,826	\$0	\$7,400,000

County of Riverside
Cash-in-Lieu Annual Report
As of May 31, 2026
Due June 23, 2026

Business Unit: TLARC
Department: Transportation

PURPOSE: Per Board Policy B-36 Section B, the Transportation Department will update and present a Cash-In-Lieu report annually to the Board of Supervisors as a companion document to the county annual operating budget. The report will document projects that were started or completed in the previous Fiscal Year utilizing Cash-In-Lieu funding.

Project Code	Description	Proj Manager	Prior Year Reported CIL	Current Period CIL (5/1/25-05/31/26)	Total CIL Funding	Comments
ACTIVE PROJECTS: All new and ongoing projects utilizing Cash-In-Lieu Funding						
D30077	Horsethief Canyon Rd @ De Palma Traffic Signal	Susan Vombaur	-	292,555.37	292,555.37	Amount was earmarked and transferred on 5/8/2025 via JE# 0002673168
SUB-TOTAL			-	292,555.37	292,555.37	
COMPLETED PROJECTS: All completed projects utilizing Cash-In-Lieu Funding						
There were no completed projects in FY2025/2026 utilizing cash-in-lieu funding through May 31, 2026.			-	-	-	
SUB-TOTAL			-	-	-	
TOTAL			-	292,555.37	292,555.37	

Prepared by: Francisco Herrera
 Title: Administrative Services Manager II
 Date: June 4, 2026

Flores, Kate

From: Jared Stone <AdvocacyIntern09@aclusocal.org>
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Cc: Kath Rogers; Joy Hererra
Subject: Public Comment Re: 2026-27 Riverside County Recommended Budget
Attachments: ACLU Public Comment Riverside Budget Letter 2026-2027 .pdf

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please see the attached public comment on behalf of the ACLU of Southern California regarding the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Riverside County Recommended Budget. The ACLU of Southern California also intends on submitting the attached comment via Riverside County's digital public comment form.

Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,

Jared Stone

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June 18, 2026

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RE: Riverside County's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Dear Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

As the Board considers the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, we write to urge targeted investment in housing initiatives and medical services, areas that are critical to the health, safety, and stability of our most vulnerable community members. We ask that Riverside County leverage its discretionary funds to proactively address the essential daily needs of **all** its residents. The Board should invest in solutions that prevent crises, rather than merely managing them as they arise.

Public Engagement in the 2026-2027 Budget Process

We appreciate the County's continued efforts to enhance information sharing and input via public engagement and encourage the County to continue this valuable work. We want to congratulate the County on receiving the California State Association of Counties' Innovation Award for its efforts to increase public participation in the budget process.¹ The Community Budget Priorities Survey is a valuable tool to solicit community input on the Recommended Budget, and the Board should listen to the over 26,000 responses.² When asked where the County should invest additional funding, both "Affordable Housing" and "Social Assistance

¹ Riverside County, *County of Riverside Receives Top Honor from California State Association of Counties for Budget Civic Engagement Campaign*, (Feb. 17, 2026) <https://rivco.gov/news/county-riverside-receives-top-honor-california-state-association-counties-budget-civic>

² UC Riverside School of Public Policy, *Analysis of Responses to Riverside County's Community Budget Priorities Survey*, at p. 2 (2026). [https://rivco.gov/sites/g/files/aldnop116/files/users/user61/FY26-27%20Budget%20-%20Community%20Priorities%20Survey%20Results%20\(UCR%20SPP\).pdf](https://rivco.gov/sites/g/files/aldnop116/files/users/user61/FY26-27%20Budget%20-%20Community%20Priorities%20Survey%20Results%20(UCR%20SPP).pdf)

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Programs” were among the top responses.³ The Community Budget Workshops confirm these are areas of key concern for Riverside County residents. “Affordable housing was the most consistent theme [of the budget workshops,] raised in every district.”⁴ And comments specifically identified “healthcare access, developmental disability services, Medi-Cal access, and eligibility gaps that impact vulnerable residents” as areas of particular need.⁵ The Board should allocate additional funding from the General Fund Net County Cost (NCC) to these priorities to ensure the community’s concerns are adequately addressed.

Additionally, the County should consider building on its work to improve public feedback and buy-in to the budget process by establishing a community budget advisory council. “Advisory committees are a relatively easy and inexpensive way to include additional voices” and “can provide greater transparency to the budgeting process by serving as a conduit of information to the larger community.”⁶ Riverside County should continue its important work to democratize the budget process, so that funding allocations better reflect the community’s needs.

Increase Discretionary Funding for Housing Initiatives

In particular, the Board should increase the allocation of discretionary funding from the General Fund NCC to the agencies within Housing and Workforce Solutions, especially the Office of Homeless Services. The 2025 Point-in-Time Count (PITC) for Riverside County identified 3,990 people who were sleeping in a shelter or on the streets.⁷ The County’s recommended budget for the upcoming fiscal year must do more to meet the critical needs of community members who are unhoused or facing housing insecurity. Accordingly, we respectfully urge the Board to significantly increase discretionary funding to housing initiative to help ensure access to permanent, dignified housing for everyone in our community.

Currently, the 2026-2027 recommended budget allocates just under \$2.1 million in discretionary funding to the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to expand access to permanent housing and oversee services to support unhoused community members.⁸ Concerningly, this represents a decrease of roughly \$1 million from the 2025-2026 budget.⁹ While we applaud the County for its

³ *Id.* at pp. 4-5.

⁴ Riverside County, FY 26/27 Community Budget Workshops Comprehensive Public Comment Summary, at p. 3 (2026). <https://rivco.gov/sites/g/files/alnopl116/files/users/user61/FY26-27%20Budget%20-%20Community%20Workshops%20Comprehensive%20Summary.pdf>

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Institute for Local Government, *Budget Advisory Committees*, (last accessed June 17, 2026). <https://www.ca-ilg.org/post/budget-advisory-committees>

⁷ Riverside County, Riverside County 2025 PITC Report, at p. 5 (2025). https://rivcohws.org/sites/g/files/alnopl131/files/2025-07/2025%20Homeless%20Point%20In%20Time%20Count%20and%20Survey_1.pdf

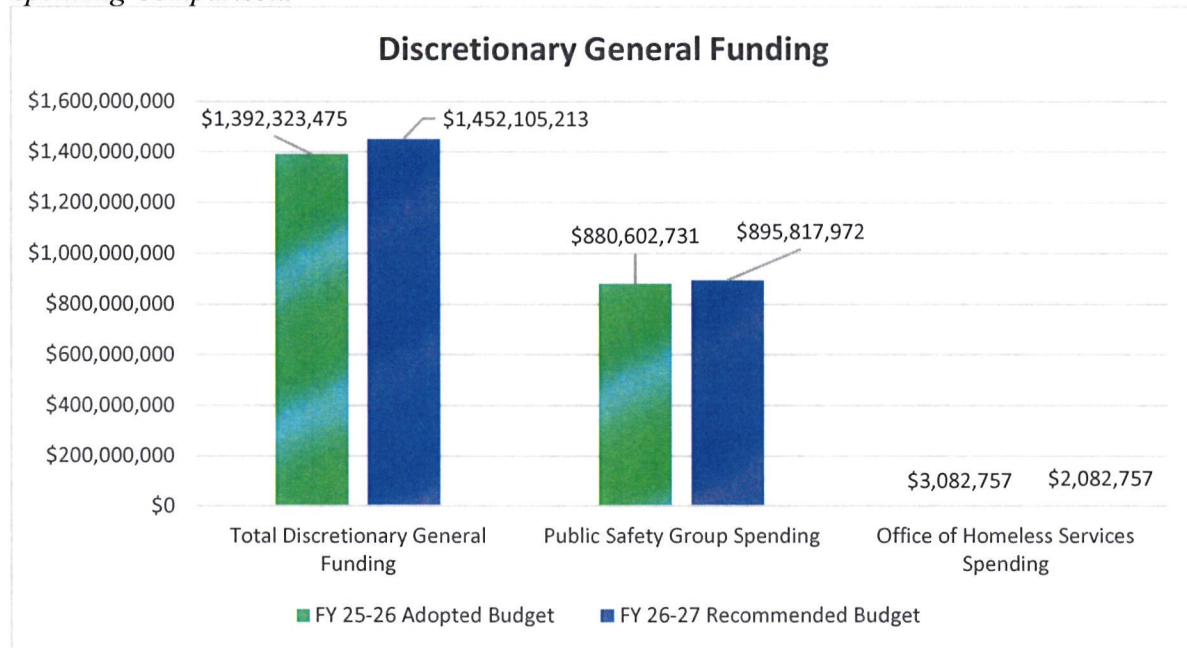
⁸ Riverside County, Fiscal Year 2026/27 Recommended Budget Volume 1, at pp. 55, 164 (2026). https://rivco.gov/sites/g/files/alnopl116/files/users/user61/FY26-27%20Riverside%20County%20Recommended%20Budget%20V1%20Final_1.pdf

⁹ Riverside County, Fiscal Year 2025/26 Adopted Budget Volume 1, at p. 56 (2025). <https://rivco.gov/sites/g/files/alnopl116/files/2025-08/FY%2025-26%20Riverside%20County%20Adopted%20Budget%20Volume%20I%20Final.pdf>

efforts to develop a grant and claims tracking software system,¹⁰ OHS’s recommended discretionary funding allocation simply fails to address the community’s needs.

Contrast the discretionary funding allocated to OHS with the approximately \$700 million recommended for allocation to the District Attorney, Probations and Sherrif combined.¹¹ But even without that significant allocation of entirely discretionary funding, these departments are already eligible to receive significant Proposition 172¹² and AB 109 revenue.¹³

Figure 1: Discretionary General Funding- Public Safety Group and Office of Homeless Services Spending Comparison.¹⁴



The carceral system and law enforcement are not effective solutions to the housing crisis. Criminalizing unhoused people is inhumane, counterproductive, and exacerbates existing racial disparities.¹⁵ The County should **not** fund a system that punishes unhoused people for low-level offenses or life-sustaining conduct. Instead, it should work to create effective, Housing First solutions. Concerningly, according to the 2025 PITC, of the 1,978 unsheltered adults surveyed,

¹⁰ Riverside County, Fiscal Year 2026/27 Recommended Budget Volume 1, at p. 163 (2026).

https://rivco.gov/sites/g/files/aldnop116/files/users/user61/FY26-27%20Riverside%20County%20Recommended%20Budget%20V1%20Final_1.pdf

¹¹ See *id.* at p. 54 (outlining \$895 million in allocation to the Public Safety Group minus approximately \$20 million allocated for Indigent Defense, approximately \$60 million allocated to the Public Defender’s Office, and approximately \$117 million allocated for Fire Protection).

¹² *Id.* at p. 50.

¹³ *Id.* at p. 247.

¹⁴ Contrast *id.* at pp. 54-55 (outlining the relevant 2026-2027 recommended discretionary funding allocations) with Riverside County, Fiscal Year 2025/26 Adopted Budget Volume 1, at pp. 55-56 (2025) (showing the comparative 2025-2026 actual allocations). <https://rivco.gov/sites/g/files/aldnop116/files/2025-08/FY%2025-26%20Riverside%20County%20Adopted%20Budget%20Volume%20I%20Final.pdf>

¹⁵ See generally Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, San Francisco, Cited for Being in Plain Sight: How CA Polices Being Black, Brown, and Unhoused in Public (May 2022), https://lccrsf.org/wp-content/uploads/LCCR_CA_Infraction_report_4WEB-1.pdf.

273, or approximately 14%, reported having been previously incarcerated.¹⁶ This indicates that unhoused community members are disproportionately impacted by the criminal legal system. The Board should center services and housing assistance in the Discretionary Budget—rather than criminalization. Further, more must be done to provide support to community members returning from incarceration, through increases in reentry housing and community-based, voluntary behavioral health services.

Commit to Long-Term “Housing First” Solutions

The County has made some significant strides to establish permanent housing and housing programs. But the work that needs to be done is far from over. “Over the last six years, the median rent in Riverside County has seen a collective rise of 20%, contrasting with stagnant wages and a continuous uptick in the cost of living.”¹⁷ We urge the County to focus a greater portion of funding on long-term initiatives and renter assistance. Studies have shown that permanent housing initiatives, combined with wraparound services and case management, constitute a key pathway to ending houselessness.¹⁸ Ongoing funding for permanent housing is urgently necessary to provide the long-term stability that is needed to address the scale of the County’s shortage of affordable housing.

It is encouraging that the County recognizes this need, as evidenced by Housing and Workforce Solutions’ Objective to “[p]reserve, manage, and increase the supply of safe and affordable housing within Riverside County” in the proposed 2026-2027 budget.¹⁹ Aligning with this objective, we want to congratulate the County on the recent project to fund 150 affordable homes in the City of Indio, which are an important step towards meeting the unique needs of the County’s farmworker communities and the elderly.²⁰ And like it did last year, the Board should consider allocating additional funding to affordable housing initiatives during the budget hearing process via Augmentation funds.²¹

¹⁶ Riverside County, Riverside County 2025 PITCH Report, at p. 134 (2025).

https://rivcohws.org/sites/g/files/aldnop131/files/2025-07/2025%20Homeless%20Point%20In%20Time%20Count%20and%20Survey_1.pdf

¹⁷ Riverside County, Fiscal Year 2026/27 Recommended Budget Volume 1, at p. 161 (2026).

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¹⁸ See Leyla Gulcur et al., Housing, Hospitalization, and Cost Outcomes for Homeless Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities Participating in Continuum of Care and Housing First Programmes, *J. of Comm. & Appl. Soc. Psy.* 171 (2003); see also Sam Tsemberis & Ronda Eisenberg, Pathways to Housing: Supported Housing for Street Dwelling Homeless Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities, *Psychiatr Serv.*, 484 (2000); Ann Elizabeth Montgomery et al., Housing Chronically Homeless Veterans: Evaluating the Efficacy of a Housing First Approach to HUD-VASH, 41 *J. of Comm. & Appl. Soc. Psy.*, 505 (March 21, 2013); Sam Tsemberis et al., Housing First, Consumer Choice, and Harm Reduction for Homeless Individuals with a Dual Diagnosis, *Am. J. Public Health* 651 (April 2004); Jennifer Perlman & John Parvensky, Denver Housing First Collaborative: Cost Benefit Analysis and Program Outcomes Report, Denver’s Road Home, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (December 11, 2006).

¹⁹ Riverside County, Fiscal Year 2026/27 Recommended Budget Volume 1, at p. 161 (2026).

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²⁰ Riverside County, *150 New Affordable Homes Coming to Coachella Valley for Farmworker Families & Seniors*, (Mar. 5, 2026), <https://rivcohws.org/news/150-new-affordable-homes-coming-coachella-valley-farmworker-families-seniors>.

²¹ Riverside County, Fiscal Year 2025/26 Adopted Budget Volume 1, at p. 168 (2025) (“During budget hearings on June 9, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved an increase of \$6 million to the contributions to other funds allocation by utilizing Augmentation funds. \$5 million of the increased allocation will be used for affordable

Increase Discretionary Funding for Medical Services and Public Health Access

Finally, Riverside County should utilize discretionary funds to address the community's identified areas of medical need. The County, as the provider of last resort,²² has a responsibility to serve residents who fall through the cracks of Medi-Cal and private insurance systems. This gap is especially detrimental for residents in rural communities, where systemic barriers to care are deeply entrenched.

Rural communities face unique and complex public health challenges due to limited access to healthcare facilities and providers, environmental hazards such as increased air pollution and extreme heat, and inadequate infrastructure that restricts access to clean water and transportation. The Community Budget Workshops highlight this need. Districts 2, 3, and 4, which have many of the County's rural communities, reported the strongest demand for increased investment in services to address "eligibility gaps that impact vulnerable residents" and increase Medi-Cal access.²³ As mentioned in the prior section, many Riverside residents are forced to live on the street, which further impedes access to healthcare and worsens health outcomes; we encourage the County to invest in street medicine programs to meet this vital community need.

We urge the Board to allocate discretionary funds for:

1. Expanded mobile clinics, including street medicine for unhoused community members
2. Increased staffing of culturally competent and multilingual care providers
3. Investments in County hospitals and clinics, especially in underserved areas
4. Community-based public health infrastructure and targeted outreach

This investment is essential to safeguard the health of residents, protect public systems, and reduce long-term costs associated with preventable emergencies.

Conclusion

Once again, we strongly urge the Board to invest in long-term community health and stability by increasing Housing First initiatives, safeguarding long-term permanent housing, and ensuring Riverside County residents have access to quality medical care. We also encourage the Board to continue its efforts to improve public engagement in the budget process and increase investment into unincorporated communities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

housing and \$1 million for Lift to Rise.”). <https://rivco.gov/sites/g/files/aldnop116/files/2025-08/FY%2025-26%20Riverside%20County%20Adopted%20Budget%20Volume%20I%20Final.pdf>

²² Welfare and Institutions Code § 17000 states that “[e]very county and every city and county shall relieve and support all incompetent, poor, indigent persons, and those incapacitated by age, disease, or accident, lawfully resident therein, when such persons are not supported and relieved by their relatives or friends, by their own means, or by state hospitals or other state or private institutions.”

²³ Riverside County, FY 26/27 Community Budget Workshops Comprehensive Public Comment Summary, at p. 3 (2026). <https://rivco.gov/sites/g/files/aldnop116/files/users/user61/FY26-27%20Budget%20-%20Community%20Workshops%20Comprehensive%20Summary.pdf>

Best wishes,

/s/

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Flores, Kate

From: Roy Bleckert <sprintcar166@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 12:15 PM
To: Bianco, Chad
Cc: Sharp, Donald; Supervisor Medina - 1st District; Office of 2nd District Supervisor; District3; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez; District 5; Van Wagenen, Jeffrey; Clerk of the Board; michaelhestrin@rivcoda.org; mtran@rivco.org; Benoit, Ben J
Subject: Re: Budget Hearing 6-8-26

COB please make this part of the public record Agenda Item 3.9 6-23-26 BOS MTG Thx !!!

On the 26/27 Budget there was a discussion with Sheriff Chad & Chuck regarding the Indio jail! 1st correct me if I am wrong, I am the only person to publicly address the last 6 years asking for the 1,200 empty beds @ the indio Jail to be fully fund(the Sheriff's Dept thru the Sharp did ask for funding last year! Plus asking to supplement the courts) & publicly offering paths to do this) so we have the ability to enforce cleaning up the Vagrant issue & making prop 36 a viable reality not a paper tiger!

The Placer County example in 2025 showed If you do not have an Incarceration option for Prop 36 & the Vagrancy issue it is NOT solvable as given the option of Jail or treatment 85% chose Jail!

JVW, River city Mayor Patty D, Gov Gulag Gavin Newsom can have all the Zoom meetings or pressers they desire, the housing 1st model does NOT work overall on this or other concerns to be fully funded! Enforcing the LAW Does! The Budget & BOS have failed Riverside County again doubling down on the same failed policies! #ProveMeWrong

From Last Year (History repeating Itself)



Roy Bleckert is with Fred Banuelos and 18 others.

June 22, 2025 · 🌐

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RIVERSIDE SUPERVISORS SLATED TO PASS \$10 BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET WHILE CUTTING THE SHERIFF'S DEPT !!!

**Riverside County
Board of Supervisors**

**CUTTING Sheriff
Chad's service level
of the Sheriff's Dept!**

Is this acceptable ???



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RivCo is about to get LESS Public Safety starting Tuesday, as the Board of supervisors are planning to pass a budget Tuesday morning that will CUT PUBLIC SAFETY service levels! At the June 9th budget hearing, Sheriff Chad Bianco stated the budget proposal will NOT allow him to maintain the same service level of the prior fiscal year!

On top of that ZERO dollars to open the 1,200 beds in the Indio Jail , which will remain UNOCCUPIED for the 7th year since the Jail was opened in 2019!

It also does not adequately fund the District Attorney's Office, or the Courts to handle the increased case load that will be coming with the passage of Prop 36! The people of Ca passed this by about a 70% clip because they are tired of the Crime in Ca!

The Supervisors indicate by their budget proposal for Fiscal year 2025/26 that CRIME is acceptable in Riverside County! We the People have one last shot to STOP this @ Tuesday's (6-24-25) Board meeting 9:30AM! . It is Agenda Item 3.5 , you can make public comment in person in the Board Chambers 4080 Lemon st Riverside Ca or by phone or email by following the instructions on the agenda page @ the link below!

ARE WE THE PEOPLE GOING TO LET THIS STAND ???

Agenda Link

https://riversidecountyca.iqm2.com/.../Detail_Meeting... See less

On Sun, Jun 7, 2026 at 10:31 AM Roy Bleckert <sprintcar166@gmail.com> wrote:
Thx for your response Mr Bianco !!!

On Fri, Jun 5, 2026 at 9:29 AM Bianco, Chad <jbianco@riversidesheriff.org> wrote:

The Indio jail was only opened because of operational changes within RSO. For the past 7 years the board has chosen to leave our budget as "stay flat" with no additional funding to open the Indio Jail. Our corrections staffing remains substantially below optimal with forced overtime to meet mandatory minimum staffing levels.

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From: Roy Bleckert <sprintcar166@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, 04 June 2026 22:33:24

To: Sharp, Donald <dsharp@riversidesheriff.org>

Cc: district1@rivco.org <district1@rivco.org>; District2 <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>; COB <cob@rivco.org>; Bianco, Chad <jbianco@riversidesheriff.org>; michaelhestrin@rivcoda.org <michaelhestrin@rivcoda.org>; mtran@rivco.org <mtran@rivco.org>; Benoit, Ben J <BJBenoit@Rivco.org>

Subject: Re: Budget Hearing 6-8-26

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Thankyou for your prompt response Mr Sharp !!!

On Thu, Jun 4, 2026 at 7:56 PM Sharp, Donald <dsharp@riversidesheriff.org> wrote:

No, it's not funded or open fully. Explaining it is for others. I look forward to your comments.

Enjoy your evening!

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? to anyone who can answer it!

Is the Indio Jail fully funded for all 4 floors to be fully operational? If not please explain why TIA

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Flores, Kate

From: Acquia Mail
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 9:35 AM
Cc: Clerk of the Board
Subject: Request to Speak Web Submission



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Submitted on June 23, 2026

Submitted values are:

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Comments

I will not be providing a public comment. I will be listening in.



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SPEAKER'S NAME: Roy

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Agenda # 3.9

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Veronica Langworthy

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: 951-704-4210

Date: June 23, 2026 Agenda # 3.9

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW: *no document summarizing June 23 revisions to recommended*
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CONCERNS FY Budget
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