

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

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 3, 2011

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution 2011-118, Recommendations Regarding State and Federal Redistricting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board adopt Resolution 2011-118 and forward the approved resolution to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission prior to the commission's scheduled meeting on May 5, 2011 in the Norco City Council Chambers.

BACKGROUND: Under California law, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission must revise boundaries for state and federal legislative districts, and Board of Equalization districts, based on results of the decennial census. Riverside County's effectiveness in addressing issues such as transportation, public health, education and public-safety would be diminished if new boundaries fractionalize the county. Existing communities of interest within our borders have a long history of working together to address local and regional issues, especially those caused by the dramatic growth that has occurred over the past decade. Since the 2000 census, Riverside County's population has increased to nearly 2.2 million residents, almost a 42 percent increase. It is imperative that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission establish Riverside County as an intact entity to the greatest extent possible to avoid fractionalizing the county and reducing the ability to address community needs.

Raymond Smith
Raymond Smith, public information officer

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	n/a
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	n/a
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	n/a

SOURCE OF FUNDS: n/a	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVE
BY: *Bill Luna*
County Executive Office Signature

Policy X
Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 3, 2011
xc: EO, Commission

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-118
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STATE AND FEDERAL REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS, State law requires the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to revise boundaries for state and federal legislative districts, and Board of Equalization districts; and

WHEREAS, Boundaries must be drawn based on criteria established in state law, which requires that districts shall be geographically contiguous so that the geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, local neighborhood, or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes their division; and

WHEREAS, A community of interest is defined in law as a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation; and

WHEREAS, Shared interests include those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process; and

WHEREAS, Establishing Riverside County as an intact entity to the greatest extent possible is imperative based on the county's dramatic population growth during the past decade, which surpassed the next two fastest-growing California counties combined; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County's population in the past 10 years increased by nearly 42 percent, reaching 2.2 million residents, with continued rapid growth projected during the next decade; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Coordinated efforts to address countywide transportation planning and
2 the pursuit of funding for road and highway improvements are vital in order to
3 improve quality of life and to reduce traffic congestion that creates pollution and
4 poses health risks to residents; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Coordinated efforts within Riverside County's communities of interest
6 have provided invaluable opportunities to implement programs that improve:
7 transportation corridors through the addition of commuter lanes and other resources;
8 health services through the development of a medical school at the University of
9 California, Riverside, and other programs; and public-safety programs through law-
10 enforcement task forces that target illegal narcotics operations, organized street
11 gangs and sex offenders.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors
13 recommends that in redrawing boundaries for state and federal elective offices, the
14 California Citizens Redistricting Commission establish Riverside County as an intact
15 entity to the greatest extent possible. With this resolution, the Board of Supervisors
16 also expresses its concern that fractionalizing Riverside County would diminish local
17 agencies' effectiveness in seeking coordinated assistance from legislators; in
18 protecting access to communication relevant to the election process for, in many
19 instances, a poor, minority population; and in addressing health, transportation,
20 education and safety issues that affect the quality of life for every resident.

21 **ROLL CALL:**

22 Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit, and Ashley
23 Nays: None
24 Absent: None

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

KECIA HARPER-IHEM, Clerk of said Board

By: 

Deputy