



## Supervisor Jeffries' Board Report

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

There were a number of robust discussions at this week's Board Meeting, but the primary items of note for the County and the 1<sup>st</sup> District were:

**Change of Time for Board of Supervisors Meetings—Item 3.1** (No discussion) In an effort to help the public and county staff avoid having to fight peak traffic times to attend Board meetings, I have proposed moving the regular meetings from 9am to 930am. It passed without comment today, but still has to be finalized in the form of an ordinance in coming weeks.

**Budget Subcommittee Report—Item 17** (Video Time Stamp 26:30) I spoke briefly about some of the issues we are working on in Budget Subcommittee 1, including the improving the county employee review process, maximizing county owned vs county leased space, and working towards full cost recovery in county contracts with other agencies.

**Public Safety Financing Mechanisms for New Developments—Item 3.15** (Video Time Stamp 43:50) I have long been concerned about our poor level of services in our unincorporated communities, and continually look for ways to improve them. In digging into our county budget, I learned that the revenues we derive from our unincorporated areas are wholly incapable of funding baseline services of sheriff, fire, code enforcement and animal services. Adding new residents appears to make the situation even worse, if new housing doesn't cover the cost of serving more homes and people. I had asked for an evaluation of this shortfall, and an analysis of potential ways to recover those costs last year, and this item (and attached reports) is a response to that, confirming the work I had done before. The review reports that our annual shortfall in unincorporated areas ranges from \$570 to \$1112 per household, just to fund Sheriff Patrol and Fire services! TLMA has recommended that if the Board of Supervisors wishes to try to ensure new developments pay for the cost of their services, that a Community Facilities District would be the optimum way to do that, with an increment added to the property taxes of new residents in large developments. There are a number of policy considerations that need to be decided before that happens, and the recommendation in this item is simply to obtain a consulting firm to help develop a proposal for CFDs in various areas. Supervisor Hewitt and

representatives from the Building Industry Association expressed their concerns about housing affordability in California and Riverside County, and that further costs will make it even harder for families to purchase a new home, at a time when Governor Newsome has prioritized the building of more housing state-wide. Supervisors Washington and Perez both want to move forward with the process and a deeper evaluation of our options, but did not commit to supporting a CFD at this time. At the end of the robust discussion, there was a 3-1 vote (Hewitt voting no, Supervisor Spiegel was absent) to move forward with finding a firm to assist TLMA in developing a CFD proposal for the Board's review.

**Home Kitchen-Based Business Ordinance--Item 19.1** (Video Time Stamp 1:22:50) The state legislature last year passed legislation enabling more types of food to be prepared for sale in home kitchens, including hot meals. This ordinance would allow for small-scale, direct food sales from home based food facilities to provide locally prepared foods to consumers. These home-based businesses would be licensed and inspected by the county, and be required to follow a host of regulations, but the level of oversight is not as extensive as in a standard restaurant. Supervisor Washington expressed his concerns about the lack of inspections and general food safety concerns, and said he was unable to support the ordinance at this time without further reassurances. Because the item required a 4/5 vote to pass, and Supervisor Spiegel was absent, a motion was made to continue the item to a future meeting, and that motion passed 4-0.

You can see all the agenda items and staff reports, and watch the video of the meeting at this link here:

<http://riversidecountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=2037&Format=Minutes>

Our next Board Meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Other upcoming events are:

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm (doors open at 5:30), Woodcrest Town Hall, where I and a variety of department heads will be speaking, and many other agencies will be represented with tables and staff. Woodcrest Elementary School, 16940 Krameria Ave., Riverside CA