

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3256

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR
APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE
APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL OFFICERS
FOR RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside is the fifth largest and the fastest growing County in the State of California with a population of 1,758,300; and San Bernardino County is the fourth largest with a population of 1,869,300, as estimated by the Department of Finance, State of California, as of February 11, 2004; and

WHEREAS, this staggering increase in population has created a severe crisis in the court systems of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties; and

WHEREAS, the total cases per judicial officer in the County of Riverside was 4,621 and 4,655 in San Bernardino County, which are more than 200% higher than the Statewide average (2,104), according to the Judicial Council of California; and

WHEREAS, the cases that require the greatest amount of time are felony matters, and the County of Riverside had 15,412 felony filings, ranking fourth in the State of California, and the County of San Bernardino had 16,596 ranking second for Counties over 500,000, according to the Judicial Council of California, 2003 Court Statistics Report; and

WHEREAS, according to the State Judicial Council, in a report dated October 26, 2001, Riverside County needs an additional 41 judicial positions to handle the County's incredible caseload; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County's needs is the third greatest in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, according to that same Judicial Council report, San Bernardino County needs an additional 53 judicial positions, and its need is the single greatest in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the lack of judicial officers in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties has an extremely negative impact on victims, witnesses, and the entire justice system in two of California's largest counties; and

WHEREAS, failure to act to relieve this pressure may cause the dismissal of criminal cases due to a lack of available judicial officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Perris, California, that the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino join together in their request to have the Governor of the State of California appropriate the funding necessary to appoint additional judicial officers to ease the severe crisis in the Riverside and San Bernardino court systems.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and ***APPROVED*** this 13th day of July, 2004.

Mayor, Daryl R. Busch

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Margaret Rey

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Margaret Rey, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 3256 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting thereof held the 13th day of July 2004, and that it was so adopted by the following called vote.

AYES: Rogers, Yarbrough, Busch, Landers, Motte
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

City Clerk, Margaret Rey