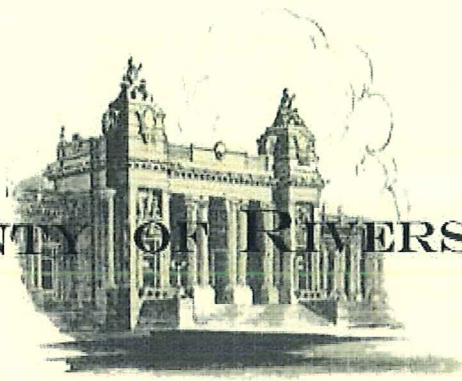


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April 18, 2017

The Honorable Chad Mayes
Assembly Republican Leader
State Capitol Building, Room 3104
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 227 (Mayes): CalWORKs: Educational Opportunity & Attainment Program
As Introduced, January 26, 2017
Set for hearing April 25, 2017: Assembly Human Services Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Legislative Platform**

Dear Assemblymember Mayes:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for your legislation, AB 227.

Existing law requires counties to provide cash assistance and other social services to struggling families through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program using federal, state, and county funds. Recipients of CalWORKs are required to participate in welfare-to-work activities for a specified number of hours each week as a condition of eligibility for aid and existing law authorizes certain welfare-to-work participants to engage in adult basic education in satisfaction of these work requirements.

AB 227 would create incentive bonuses for CalWORKs recipients if they reach an educational milestone, such as a high school diploma, associate or bachelor's degree while receiving CalWORKs. This legislation would provide a much needed support and incentive to help CalWORKs recipients achieve their educational goals and bolster their ability to better pursue long-term career goals and break out of poverty.

For these reasons, we strongly support AB 227. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,

John Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: County of Riverside Delegation
Assembly Human Services Committee, Members and Consultants