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March 22, 2018

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia  
Member, California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4140  
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: AB 3007 (Garcia) – Children of incarcerated parents; support and services  
As amended 3/20/2018 – SPONSOR  
Set for hearing 4/10/2018 – Assembly Human Services Committee

Dear Assembly Member Garcia:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to affirm our sponsorship of and support for AB 3007, your measure that would authorize the County of Riverside to establish a program that would provide support and services to children with a parent who is currently or formerly incarcerated. This measure is set for hearing in the Assembly Human Services Committee on April 10.

Given legislatively directed and voter-approved corrections reforms over the last decade, the County of Riverside is committed to developing a thoughtful response to its expanded criminal justice system responsibilities. One of the County's areas of interest is examining how to address the intergenerational impacts of justice involvement. The County is developing a program to deliver wrap-around services to reduce risk factors and develop resiliency among children of incarcerated parents (CIP). Research shows that the CIP population is more likely to become involved in the justice system, faces more financial and emotional stresses, and encounters more health issues than their peers who do not have an incarcerated parent.

Specifically, AB 3007 would authorize the County of Riverside to create a program for CIP; it sets forth various program components and identifies performance outcomes the County would track. The object of the CIP program is to improve health and wellness outcomes with the CIP population and reduce intergenerational involvement in the criminal justice and other local service systems. Eligible participants would include children (up to the age of 18) residing in the County, who are enrolled in or eligible for Medi-Cal, and who have a parent who is currently or formerly incarcerated in prison or jail.

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We thank you for your leadership in advancing County-sponsored AB 3007, which highlights the need for targeted services and supports for the CIP population. We stand ready to assist you as this important measure makes its way through the legislative process. If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or [bnestande@rivco.org](mailto:bnestande@rivco.org).

Sincerely,



Chuck Washington  
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Blanca Rubio, Chair, Assembly Human Services Committee  
The Honorable Steven Choi, Vice-Chair, Assembly Human Services Committee  
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