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March 12, 2018

The Honorable Josh Newman, Chair
Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1043 (Newman): Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans' services
As introduced 2/8/2018 – Awaiting hearing in Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT per Legislative Platform

Dear Senator Newman:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express the County's strong support for SB 1043, your measure that continuously appropriates \$7 million to California counties to fund the activities of County Veterans Services Offices. SB 1043 will provide much-needed funding to County Veterans Services Offices to ensure that these offices have the necessary resources and support to accomplish their critical mission on behalf of California's veterans.

Riverside County is the proud home of 132,228 veterans, according to the latest federal and state data. Riverside County has the third highest veteran population in the state and is the host of two major military installations, as well as various National Guard and federal and state reserve facilities and installations. The County takes our commitment to help veterans connect with the benefits they have earned through their service very seriously and believes additional resources will help us to improve and expand access to needed services and support.

SB 1043 is an important step towards meeting our joint commitment to California's veterans. Riverside County appreciates your efforts and is pleased to lend our support to this important measure. 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 at bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



Chuck Washington
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
Riverside County Legislative Delegation