



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Board of Directors
May 23, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

University of Riverside Palm Desert Campus
Building B – Room B114
75080 Frank Sinatra Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92211

This meeting is handicapped-accessible

<i>Pages</i>	AGENDA	<i>Item Type</i>
	<i>Any item on the agenda may result in Board Action</i>	
	A. CALL TO ORDER – President Zendle, MD Roll Call ____ Director Shorr ____ Director Borja ____ Director Perez Gil ____ Director Rogers, RN ____ Director Matthews ____ Vice-President/Secretary De Lara ____ President Zendle, MD	
	B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
1	C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Action
	D. PUBLIC COMMENT At this time, comments from the audience may be made on items <u>not</u> listed on the agenda that are of public interest and within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the District. The Board has a policy of limiting speakers to no more than three minutes. The Board cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda. Public input may be offered on agenda items when they come up for discussion and/or action.	
2-5	E. NEW BUSINESS 1. ACA-1 Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure	
	F. WORKSHOP ON BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND POLICIES 1. Rauch Communications, Martin Rauch, Rauch Communication Consultants, Inc.	Information and Discussion
	G. ADJOURNMENT	

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May 23, 2019

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
California State 56th Assembly District
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) – Local Government Financing - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

On behalf of the Desert Healthcare District & Foundation, I am writing to support ACA 1 (Aguiar- Curry), which will create a new voter-approved mechanism with a vote threshold of 55% to approve local general obligation (G.O.) bonds and special taxes for certain affordable housing and public infrastructure projects.

The District and its affiliated nonprofit Desert Healthcare Foundation, together, are one of the largest funders in the Coachella Valley, granting approximately \$4 million annually to nonprofit, community-based and provider organizations. These funds are used to assist residents – especially the underserved – in accessing vitally needed resources, such as primary and behavioral healthcare, housing, food, and transportation resources. Since 1998, the District has invested more than \$70 million in initiatives, grants and programs serving and benefiting the residents. The Desert Healthcare District also owns Desert Regional Medical Center and leases to Tenet Health Corporation.

ACA 1 targets the urgent needs of local communities. This measure gives local governments a more realistic financing option to address the numerous local public infrastructure challenges cities, counties, and special districts are facing. The California Constitution currently requires a two-thirds vote at the local level for both G.O. bonds and special taxes, regardless of the purpose a city, county, or special district is seeking those funds.

ACA 1 will provide mechanisms for cities, counties, and special districts to have a viable financing tool to help address important community needs. Local voters would still need to overwhelmingly support a bond or special tax (with 55%) for it to be approved, thus protecting voters' control over how their tax dollars are spent. The bill also provides specific requirements for voter protection, public notice, and financial accountability.

The Desert Healthcare District, as owner of Desert Regional Medical Center, is faced with future seismic retrofit compliance issues by 2030. The estimated cost of the seismic retrofit is \$120M - \$180M. To finance the retrofit, the District may be required to seek a G.O. bond. The 55% vote threshold to approve the bond would be very favorable to the District to meet this future obligation.

For these reasons, Desert Healthcare District & Foundation is pleased to support Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Christensen, Interim CEO
Desert Healthcare District & Foundation

cc: Association of California Healthcare Districts



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