#### **Board Bylaws**

#### **MEETING AND NOTICES**

Meetings of the Governing Board are conducted for the purpose of accomplishing district business. In accordance with stateapplicable open meeting laws (Brown Act), the Board shall hold its meetings in public and shall conduct closed sessions during such meetings only as authorized by law. To encourage community involvement in the schools, Board meetings shall provide opportunities for questions and comments by members of the publicthe opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with law and the Board's bylaws, policies, and administrative regulations.

A Board meeting exists whenever a majority of Board members gather at the same time and location, including teleconference location as permitted by Government Code 54953, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action upon any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Government Code 54952.2)

Aln accordance with law and as specified in Board Bylaw 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications, a majority of the Board shall not, outside of an authorized meeting, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, including social media and other electronic communications, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Government Code 54952.2)

However, an employee or district official the Superintendent or designee may engage in separate conversations or communications with Board members in order to answer questions or provide information regarding an item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, as long as that employee or district official does not communicate the comments or position of any Board members to other Board members. (Government Code 54952.2)

In order to help ensure the participation of individuals with disabilities at Board meetings, the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate disability-related accommodations or modifications upon request in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any doubt about a request for accommodation shall be resolved in favor of accessibility. (Government Code 54953, 54953.2, 54954.1, 54954.2)<sup>+1</sup>

Notice of the procedure for receiving and resolving such requests for accommodation described above shall be given in each instance in which notice of the time of a meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted. (Government Code 54953)

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**Regular Meetings** 

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Board shall hold one regular meeting each month. Regular meetings shall be held starting at 5:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Perris Union High School District Board Room, 155 East Fourth Street, Perris, CA 92570.

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public and on the district's website. (Government Code 54954.2)

WheneverConsistent with Government Code 54957.5 and Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials, whenever agenda materials relating to an open session of a regular meeting are distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the materials available for public inspection at a public office or location designated for that purpose or on the district web site, consistent with Government Code 54957.5,. The records shall be posted on the district website at the time the materials are distributed to all or a majority of the Board. (Government Code 54957.5) if distributed outside of business hours.

#### **Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the presiding officer or a majority of the Board members. However, a special meeting shall not be called regarding the salary, salary schedule, or other compensation of the Superintendent, assistant superintendent, or other management employee as described in Government Code 3511.1. (Government Code 54956)

Written on any topic within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board unless otherwise prohibited by law or as specified in BB 9323.2 - Actions by the Board. (Government Code 54956)

At least 24 hours before the time of the meeting, written notice of special meetings shall be delivered personally or by any other means to all Board members and the local media who have requested such notice in writing. The notice also shall be posted on the district's website. The notice shall be received and, at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting. The notice shall also be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting, in a location freely accessible to the public. The notice shall specify the time and location of the meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed. No other business shall be considered at this meeting. (Education Code 35144; Government Code 54956)

Any Board member may waive the 24-hour written notice requirement prior to the time of the meeting by filing a written waiver of notice with the clerk or secretary of the Board or by being present at the meeting at the time it convenes. (Education Code 35144; Government Code 54956)

Every notice of a special meeting shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to

directly address the Board concerning any item that has been described in the meeting notice before or during the item's consideration. (Government Code 54954.3)

#### **Emergency Meetings**

In the case of an emergency situation for which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, the Board may hold an emergency meeting without complying with the 24-hour notice and/or 24-hour posting requirement for special meetings pursuant to Government Code 54956. The Board shall comply with all other requirements for special meetings during an emergency meeting. (Government Code 54956.5)<sup>+1</sup>

An emergency situation means either of the following: (Government Code 54956.5)

- An emergency, which shall be defined as a work stoppage, crippling activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health and/or safety as determined by a majority of the members of the Board<sup>+1</sup>
- 2. A dire emergency, which shall be defined as a crippling disaster, mass destruction, terrorist act, or threatened terrorist activity that poses peril so immediate and significant that requiring the Board to provide one-hour notice before holding an emergency meeting may endanger the public health and/or safety as determined by a majority of the members of the Board.¶

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(Government Code 54956.5)

The Board may meet in closed session during emergency meetings so long as two-thirds of the members present at the meeting agree or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, by unanimous vote of the members present. (Government Code 54956.5)

The Board shall comply with all other requirements for special meetings during an emergency meeting. (Government Code 54956.5)

Except in the case of a dire emergency, the Board president or designee shall give notice of the emergency meeting by telephone at least one hour before the meeting to the local media that have requested notice of special meetings. All telephone numbers provided by the media in the most recent request for notification shall be exhausted. If telephone services are not functioning, the notice requirement of one hour is waived and as soon after the meeting as possible, the Board shall notify those media representatives of the meeting and shall describe the purpose of the meeting and any action taken by the Board. In the case of a dire emergency, the Board president or designee shall give such notice at or near the time notification is given to the other members of the Board. about the meeting. (Government Code 54956.5)

The minutes of the meeting, a list of persons the Board president or designee notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the roll call vote, and any actions taken at the meeting shall be posted for at least 10ten (10) days in a public place as soon after the meeting as possible.

(Government Code 54956.5)

An *emergency* means a work stoppage, crippling activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health and/or safety, as determined by a majority of the members of the Board. (Government Code 54956.5)

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#### Adjourned/Continued Meetings

The Board may adjourn/continue any regular or special meeting to a later time and location that shall be specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a quorum of the Board may adjourn/continue such a meeting. If no Board members are present, the secretary or the clerk may declare the meeting adjourned/continued to a later time and placelocation and shall give notice in the same manner required for special meetings. (Government Code 54955)

Within 24 hours after the time of adjournment/continuance, a copy of the order or notice of adjournment/continuance shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the placelocation where the meeting was held. (Government Code 54955)

#### Study Sessions, Retreats, Public Forums, and Discussion Meetings

The Board may occasionally convene a study session or public forum to study an issue in more detail or to receive information from staff or feedback from members of the public. The Board may also convene a retreat or discussion meeting to discuss Board roles and relationships.

Public notice shall be given in accordance with law when a quorum of the Board is attending a study session, retreat, public forum, or discussion meeting. All such meetings shall comply with the Brown Act and shall be held in open session and within district boundaries. Action items shall not be included on the agenda for these meetings. Any such meeting, regardless of title or topic, shall be held as a regular or special meeting, as appropriate, and shall comply with all other requirements for regular or special meetings. (Government Code 54956)

#### **Other Gatherings**

Attendance by a majority of Board members at any of the following events is not subject to the Brown Act, provided that a majority of the Board members do not discuss specific district business among themselves other than as part of the scheduled program: (Government Code 54952.2)

- 1. A conference or similar public gathering open to the public that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public or to school board members
- 2. An open, publicized meeting organized by a person or organization other than the district to address a topic of local community concern
- 3. An open and noticed meeting of another body of the district
- 4. An open and noticed meeting of a legislative body of another local agency
- 5. A purely social or ceremonial occasion
- 6. An open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of the Board established pursuant to Board Bylaw 9130 Board Committees provided that the Board members who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers

Individual contacts or conversations between a Board member and any other person that are not subject topart of a series of communications prohibited by the Brown Act are permitted. (Government Code 54952.2)

#### Location of Meetings

Meetings shall not be held in a facility that prohibits the admittance of any person on the basis of ancestry or any characteristic listed in Government Code 11135. In addition, meetings shall not be held in a facility which is inaccessible to individuals with disabilities or where members of the public must make a payment or purchase in order to be admitted. (Government Code 54961)

Meetings Unless the Board is holding a teleconference meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, all meetings shall be held within district boundaries, except to do any of the following: (Government Code 54954)

- 1. Comply with state or federal law or court order or attend a judicial or administrative proceeding to which the district is a party
- 2. Inspect real or personal property which cannot conveniently be brought into the district, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the property
- 3. Participate in meetings or discussions of multiagency significance, provided these meetings are held within one of the other agencies' boundaries, with all participating agencies giving the notice required by law

- 4. Meet in the closest meeting facility if the district has no meeting facility within its boundaries or if its principal office is located outside the district
- 5. Meet with elected or appointed state or federal officials when a local meeting would be impractical, solely to discuss legislative or regulatory issues affecting the district over which the state or federal officials have jurisdiction
- 6. Meet in or near a facility owned by the district but located outside the district, provided the meeting agenda is limited to items directly related to that facility
- 7. Visit the office of the district's legal counsel for a closed session on pending litigation, when doing so would reduce legal fees or costs
- 8. Attend conferences on nonadversarial collective bargaining techniques
- 9. Interview residents of another district regarding the Board's potential employment of an applicant for Superintendent of the district
- 10. Interview a potential employee from another district

Meetings exempted from the boundary requirements, as specified in Items #1-10 above, shall still be subject to the notice and open meeting requirements for regular and special meetings when a quorum of the Board attends the meeting.

If a fire, flood, earthquake, or other emergency renders the regular meeting place unsafe, meetings shall be held for the duration of the emergency All meetings, regardless of location, shall comply with the applicable notice and open meeting requirements. Additionally, no such meeting may be held in a facility that prohibits the admittance of any person on the basis of ancestry or any characteristic listed in Government Code 11135, which is inaccessible to individuals with disabilities, or where members of the public must make a payment or purchase in order to be admitted. (Government Code 54961)

If a fire, flood, earthquake, or other emergency renders the posted regular or special meeting location unsafe and the deadline for posting the location has passed, the meeting shall be held at a location designated by the Board president or designee, who shall so inform all news media who have requested notice of special meetingsmeetings pursuant to Government Code 54956 by the most rapid available means of communication. (Government Code 54954)

#### **Traditional Teleconferencing**

A teleconference is a meeting of the Board in which Board members are in different locations, connected by electronic means through audio and/or video. (Government Code 54953)

All teleconferenced meetings shall be conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the Board. (Government

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The Board may use teleconferences for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.

All votes taken during a teleconference meeting shall be by roll call. (Government Code 54953) ←

During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the Board shall participate from locations within district boundaries. (Government Code 54953)+1

Unless a Board member participates by teleconference pursuant to the provisions described in the sections "Teleconferencing During a Personal Emergency," "Teleconferencing For 'Just Cause'" or "Teleconferencing During a Proclaimed State of Emergency" below, agendas shall be posted at all teleconference locations and shall list all teleconference locations whenever they are posted elsewhere.

All teleconference locations shall be accessible to the public, and the public shall have the right to address the Board directly at each teleconference location. Additional teleconference locations may be provided to the public. (Government Code 54953)+1

Teleconferencing During a Personal Emergency

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Until January 1, 2026, with approval from the majority of the Board, a Board member may be permitted to participate in a meeting remotely when a physical or family medical emergency prevents the Board member from attending in person. The Board member requesting to appear remotely shall notify the Board of the emergency situation as soon as possible and provide a concise general description of the circumstances relating to the Board member's need to appear remotely. The Board member shall not be required to disclose any disability, medical diagnosis, or personal medical information exempt under existing law. (Government Code 54953)↔

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A Board member may not appear remotely under emergency circumstances for more than 20 percent of the Board's regular meetings or for more than three consecutive months. If the Board meets less than 10 times in a calendar year, a Board member may not appear remotely under emergency circumstances for more than two meetings Board member may participate in any meeting by teleconference, which includes both audio or video/audio, so long as the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54953)

- 1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall
- 2. The meeting is conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency
- 3. The location of the Board member participating by teleconference is open and accessible to the public during the meeting, except during closed session, such that

members of the public may observe in person the Board member participating by teleconference, may hear/listen to the meeting to the same extent as the Board member participating by teleconference, and may make public comment during the same portion of the agenda as others members of the public from the same location as the Board member participating by teleconference

- 4. The location of the Board member participating by teleconference is noted in the agenda, and the agenda is posted at the location of the Board member participating by teleconference in advance of the meeting as statutorily required based on the type of meeting
- 5. At least a quorum of the members is within the district boundaries.

#### Teleconferencing by Individual Board Member Due to Just Cause

Until January 1, 2026, when there is "just cause" preventing a Board member from attending a Board meeting in person, that Board member may participate in that meeting by teleconference without: (Government Code 54953)

- 1. Including the location of the Board member participating by teleconference in the agenda
- 2. Making the location of the Board member participating by teleconference open and accessible to the public
- 3. Posting the agenda at the location of the Board member participating by teleconference

A Board member needing to participate by teleconference for just cause shall notify the Board at the earliest possible opportunity, including at the start of a regular meeting, of the need to do so and include a general description of the circumstances relating to the need to appear by teleconference at the given meeting. (Government Code 54953)

When aFor the Board member is approved to participate remotely due to emergencycircumstances, the Board member is not required to participate from a location which is accessible to the public, and the location does not need to be identified on the agenda. (Government Code 54953)+

If permitted to participate remotely, the Board member shall utilize both audio and visual technology and publicly disclose to participate by teleconference under this section, all of the following are required: (Government Code 54953)

1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall

- 2. At least a quorum of the Board participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda
- 3. The Board member participating by teleconference utilizes both audio and visual technology to participate in the meeting
- 4. The Board member participating by teleconference publicly discloses, before any action is taken, whether any other individuals individual 18 years or older are present in the remote location with of age or older is present at the Board member member's location and the general nature of the member's relationship with such individuals. (Government Code 54953)<sup>+1</sup>

The district shall also provide public access to each such individual

5. The public is able to access the meeting via a two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way audio service and a live webcast, with real-time public comment being allowed via the remote platform as well as in person, and the public shall be able to offer comments in real time. The agenda shall include information describing how members of the public can access the platform. (Government Code 54953)<sup>+1</sup>

If a disruption prevents broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or a disruption that is within the Board's control prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or service, in addition to public comment being available in person

The platform or service may require members of the public to register in order to make public comments so long as the platform or service is not controlled by the district

6. The agenda for the meeting includes information describing how members of the public can access the platform or service

If the platform or service is disrupted such that the public cannot access the meeting or give real-time public comment, the meeting may continue but the Board shallmay not take action on any agenda itemsitem until public access to the meeting is restored. (Government Code 54953)<sup>+1</sup>

Teleconferencing for "Just Cause" the disruption is resolved. (Government Code 54953)

A Board member mayshall be permitted to appear remotely, pursuant to the provisions below; participate by teleconference for just cause for no more than two meetings per calendar year. A Board member appearing for just cause shall notify the Board at the earliest possible opportunity of the need to participate in the meeting remotely, including at the start of a regular meeting. (Government Code 54953)

Just Cause (Government Code 54953)

For purposes of this section, "just cause" may exist for any of the following: (Government Code 54953)

- 1. A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires a Board member to participate remotely
- 2. A contagious illness prevents a Board member from attending in person
- 3. A Board member has a need related to a physical or mental disability not otherwise reasonably accommodated
- 4. A Board member is traveling while on official business of the Board or another state or local agency

## When a Board member participates remotely for just cause, the Teleconferencing by Individual Board Member Due to Emergency Circumstances

Until January 1, 2026, when a physical or family medical emergency would prevent a Board member from attending a Board meeting in person, that Board member may request to participate in such meeting by teleconference. The Board member requesting to appear remotely shall submit the request as soon as possible and include a concise general description of the emergency that necessitated the request. The Board member isshall not be required to participate from a location which is accessible to the public, and the location does not need to be identified on the agenda disclose any disability, medical diagnosis, or personal medical information exempt under existing law. (Government Code 54953)

If the request is received timely, it shall be added to the agenda as the first item of business at the meeting, even before any closed session items. If the request is not received timely, it shall be taken up by the Board before the first item of business at the meeting. The request shall only be granted upon a vote by the majority of the Board. (Government Code 54953, 54954.2)

If the Board member participates remotely, the Board member shall utilize both audio and visual technology and publicly disclose request is granted by the Board, the Board member may participate by teleconference without: (Government Code 54953)

- 1. Including the location of the Board member participating by teleconference in the agenda
- 2. Making the location of the Board member participating by teleconference open and accessible to the public
- 3. Posting the agenda at the location of the Board member participating by teleconference

For the Board member to participate by teleconference due to emergency circumstances, all of the following are required: (Government Code 54953)

- 1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall
- 2. At least a quorum of the Board participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda
- 3. The Board member participating by teleconference utilizes both audio and visual technology to participate in the meeting
- 4. The Board member participating by teleconference publicly discloses, before any action is taken, whether any other individuals individual 18 years or older are present in the remote location with of age or older is present at the Board member member's location and the general nature of the member's relationship with such individuals. (Government Code 54953)<sup>+1</sup>

The district shall also provide public access to each such individual

5. The public is able to access the meeting via a two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way audio service and a live webcast, with real-time public comment being allowed via the remote platform as well as in person, and the public shall be able to offer comments in real time. The agenda shall include information describing how members of the public can access the platform. (Government Code 54953)<sup>+1</sup>

If a disruption prevents broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or a disruption that is within the Board's control prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, platform or service, in addition to public comment being available in person

The platform or service may require members of the public to register in order to make public comments so long as the platform or service is not controlled by the district

6. The agenda for the meeting includes information describing how members of the public can access the platform or service

If the platform or service is disrupted such that the public cannot access the meeting or give real-time public comment, the meeting may continue but the Board shall not take action on any agenda itemsitem until public access to the meeting is restored. (Government Code 54953)

#### Teleconferencing During a Proclaimed State of Emergency

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Until January 1, 2024, the Board may conduct Board meetings by teleconference without posting agendas at all teleconference locations, identifying teleconference locations in meeting notices and agendas, allowing public access to each teleconference location, providing an

opportunity for members of the public to address the Board directly at each teleconference location, and ensuring that at least a quorum of the Board participate from locations within district boundaries, the disruption is resolved. (Government Code 54953)

In total, a Board member may not participate by teleconference due to emergency circumstances alone, or together with teleconference due to just cause, as specified above, for more than 20 percent of the Board's regular meetings or for more than three consecutive months. If the Board meets less than ten (10) times in a calendar year, a Board member may not appear remotely due to emergency circumstances for more than two meetings. (Government Code 54953)

#### **Teleconference Meetings During a Proclaimed State of Emergency**

The Board may conduct a Board meeting entirely by teleconference during a proclaimed state of emergency pursuant to Government Code 8625-8629 in any of the following circumstances: (Government Code 54953)

- 1. State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing
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- 2. For the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as the result of the emergencyFor the purpose of determining whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the emergency
- 3. When it Board has been determined, by majority vote as described inpursuant to Item #21 above, that as a result of the emergency meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees

To conduct a teleconference meeting for these purposes, the following requirements shall be satisfied: (Government Code 54953)¶

- The notice and agenda shall be given and posted as otherwise required by the Brown Act←
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 The notice and agenda of the meeting shall specify the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comments, including via a call-in or internet-based service option

Members of the public may be required to register to log in to a meeting when makingpublic comments through an internet website or other online platform that is operated by a third party and not under the control of the Board

3. Members of the public shall be allowed to access the meeting, and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board directly pursuant to Government Code 54954.3<sup>+1</sup>

- 4. Members of the public shall not be required to submit public comments in advance of a Board meeting and shall be provided an opportunity to address the Board and offer comments in real time + 1
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- 5. Public comment periods shall not be closed until the timed public comment period, if such is offered by the Board, has elapsed or, if not timed, until a reasonable amount of time per agenda item has been allowed
- 6. If during a Board meeting, a disruption occurs which prevents the district from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the district's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments, the Board shall take no further action on any agenda item until public access via the call-in or internet-based service option to the meeting is restored.
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- 4. The district may, in its discretion, provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment due to the emergency

The Board may hold a meeting by teleconference during a proclaimed state of emergency without: (Government Code 54953):

- 1. Including the location of Board members in the agenda
- 2. Making the locations of Board members open and accessible to the public
- 3. Posting the agenda at the locations of Board members

For the Board to hold such meeting, all of the following are required: (Government Code 54953)

- 1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall
- 2. The public is able to access the meeting via a call-in service or an internet-based platform or service, with real-time public comment being allowed via the platform or service

If an internet-based platform or service is utilized, it may require members of the public to register in order to make public comments so long as the platform or service is not controlled by the district

3. The agenda for the meeting includes information describing how members of the public can access the platform or service

If the platform or service is disrupted such that the public cannot access the meeting or give real-time public comment, the meeting may continue but the Board may not take action on any agenda item until the disruption is resolved. (Government Code 54953)

For any public comment period with a time limit, the Board may not close that public comment period or the opportunity to register until the full time for public comment has elapsed. For any other public comment period, the Board shall allow a reasonable amount of time to allow members of the public to provide public comment and to register to do so. (Government Code 54953)

The Board may continue to conduct all meetings by teleconference, as specified above for teleconferencing during proclaimed states of emergency, by a majority vote finding within 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time and every 30 days thereafter, that either: (Government Code 54953)

# 1. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Board to meet safely in person+1

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State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing throughout one or more 45-day periods so long as, prior to the beginning of each 45-day period, the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determines that it continues to directly impact the ability of the Board to meet safely in person. (Government Code 54953)

PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Perris, California

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