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Kevin's Corner

Job Opening: County Supervisor. As I mentioned last month, I am retiring from the Board of Supervisors at the end of this year, so the voters of the 1st District are now being asked to begin the hiring process to replace me. This new hire will be required to oversee the government operations of a County with almost 2.5 million people, spread across 7300 square miles of territory, from Corona to the Arizona State Line, making it the 4th largest County by population in the State, and the 10th largest in the nation—larger than 15 other entire states. We employ about 22,000 workers in 35 departments and agencies that range from janitors to counselors to engineers to accountants to deputies to attorneys to heavy equipment operators to literal brain surgeons, and many more additional trades and professions.

Paying all those employees (as well as passing through much of the property tax money to schools) requires a very large budget--\$8.6 billion this fiscal year. Most of how that money is spent is dictated by state and federal mandates, but we are held responsible to get it done. The good news is, that unlike the State of California, which is now facing a \$73 billion deficit, we are still experiencing strong revenues (our general fund budget comes mostly from property taxes and sales taxes, rather than the more volatile income taxes the state relies upon). The challenging news is labor and health care costs are increasing quickly, and are only going to rise higher, and the other bad news is historically, when the State has had a budget deficit, it tends to take it out on counties, by cutting funding to programs the County administers and pushing more responsibilities down to local government - as they have done previously by shifting dangerous inmates from state prisons to local jails and by closing state juvenile facilities and expecting counties to find new programs to replace them.

For the cities in the new 1st District (all of Riverside, all of Perris, and about half of Jurupa Valley), this position is responsible for health and human services programs (including behavioral health, child protective services, food stamps/SNAP), funding criminal prosecutions through the elected District Attorney, funding jails operated by the elected Sheriff, and overseeing elections county-wide. For unincorporated communities of the 1st District (Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook and areas surrounding March Air Reserve Base), we are also responsible for roads, planning & development, fire, deputies, code enforcement, animal services, and anything else that would otherwise be handled by a city.

The first round of candidate selections for my job will be completed on March 5th, when the voters of the 1st District will choose their preferred candidates on the same day as the state-wide primary election. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, the second and final round of interviews will conclude on November 5th. Either way, the new hire will start January 1st, 2025. Choose wisely, as a lot is at stake!

Visit Voteinfo.net or call 800-345-VOTE (8683) for more information about the March 5th election.

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When Government Won't Say Sorry. I recently was invited to attend a large group meeting to discuss a technical issue involving state and county regulatory standards related to both new construction and remodeling projects (yes, I'm being vague to protect the "innocent"). The discussion covered complex items with several professional individuals covering various points of view. One speaker was a local government representative with knowledge and hands-on oversight of the actual state and local requirements and is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the regulations. A knowledgeable attendee asked who he can appeal to when he is given incorrect or bad direction from a subordinate of the local government official? The response was candid but tragic. Simply put, the reply was something like - *you can appeal to me, but I won't be inclined to overturn my subordinate because I do not want to undermine their confidence in their own job.* I about fell out of my chair. So, a potentially expensive bad or incorrect regulatory directive to a citizen is going to stand because we don't want to hurt feelings? What happened to having a teachable moment? What happened to doing the right thing? What happened to honesty and integrity? That response is a failure of leadership.

As always – I welcome your suggestions to improve county services or even your complaints or concerns to get something fixed!

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries

First District County Supervisor

Introducing:

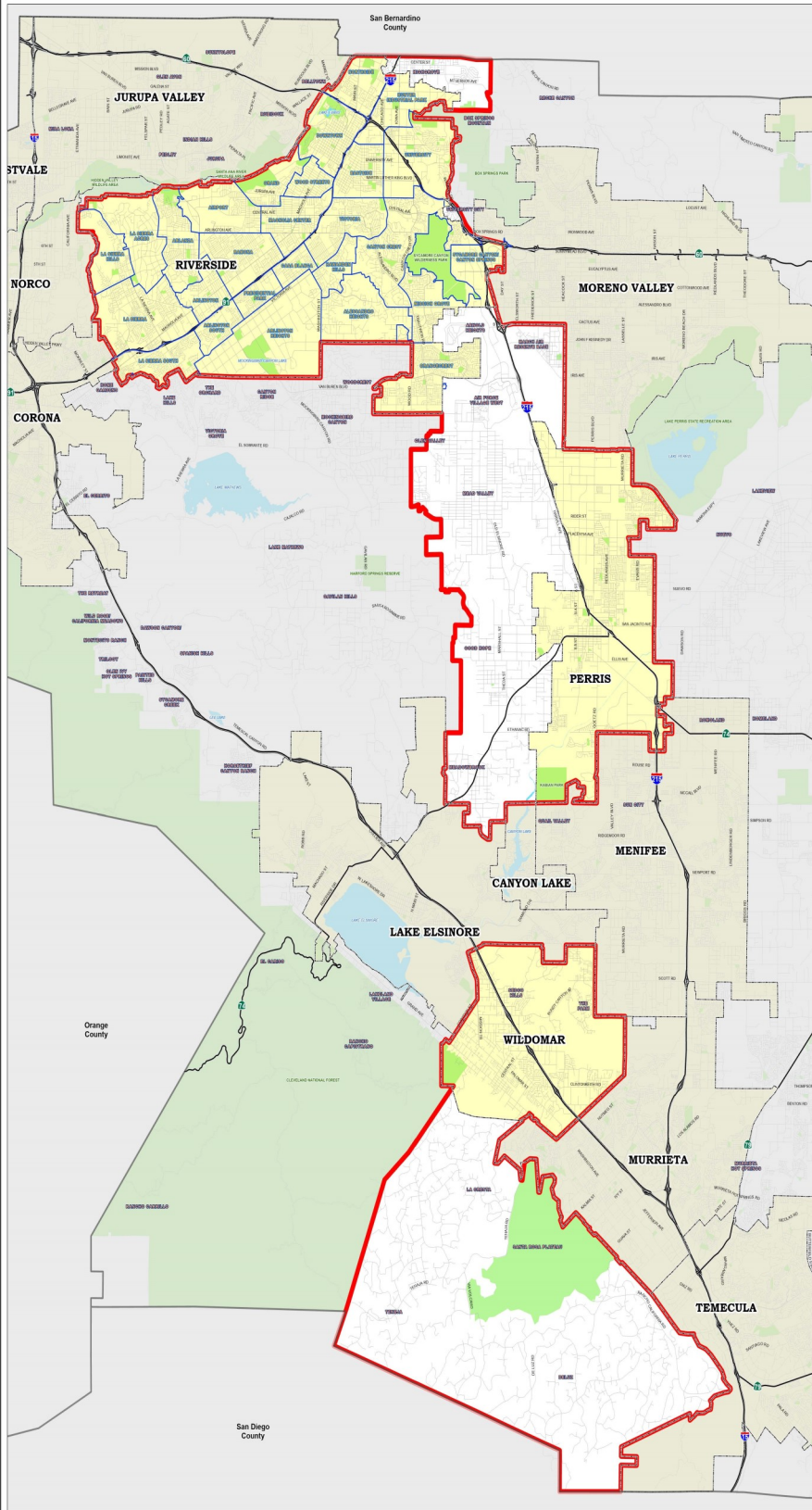


FlashVote

One minute a month is all we need.

Do you have one minute a month to help make Riverside County better? The County of Riverside is working with Flash Vote to gather valuable input from residents to inform decisions on programs, policies and budget. The sign-up process takes less than one minute and the individual information collected by Flash Vote is never shared with the County, nor anyone else. When residents sign up, they can determine if they want to receive the surveys by email, text or phone. Residents will receive a notification whenever there is a new survey, and they will have 48 hours to participate before voting closes. Once a survey is closed, everyone who participated will automatically receive a summary of the overall results and be able to see how their responses compare to the group. Results are anonymous. The county encourages residents to sign up now at <http://flashvote.com/rivconow> or call (775) 235-2240 to participate by phone or text only.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 County of Riverside



First District Profile



Kevin Jeffries was elected in November 2012 to represent the residents of the 1st Supervisorial District on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. This district covers the cities of Riverside, Perris, and Wildomar, and the unincorporated communities including Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, March Joint Powers Authority, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz.

- Roads
- Highways
- City Boundaries
- Neighborhoods
- District 1 Boundary
- Parks
- Waterbodies

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
District 1
(951) 955-1010

Representing the Cities of:
Riverside
Jurupa Valley (portion)
Perris
Wildomar



NOTE: Wildomar, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz will move to the 3rd District in January of 2025.

*Interested in serving your local community?
Perhaps you are more of a regional advocate?
If you live in or have a business in District #1, be sure to look below*

CURRENT OPENINGS:

Solid Waste - One (1) Alternate Representative
Assessment Appeals Board No. 3 - One (1) Alternate
General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) - One (1) Member
Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Alternate
First 5 Children & Families Advisory Committee— One (1) Member
Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Two (2) Alternates
In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient or Consumer of IHSS Services - One (1) opening
Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening & Public Interest - One (1) opening

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions
please see a link and instructions to an
application below:

<https://rivcodistrict1.org/sites/g/files/aldnop256/files/2023-08/Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Application%2C%208-22-23.pdf>



Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) is offering free rides on all local CommuterLink and GoMicro buses every Friday and will continue through June 28, 2024.

Let RTA take you to your next destination
for free!

Get your Free Ride Friday Pass on the GoMobile app.
It's free!

For any questions please reach out to RTA at
(951) 565-5002 or visit their website at

[RiversideTransit.com](https://www.RiversideTransit.com)

Highgrove Community Clean Up

On Saturday, February 10, 2024 Riverside County Waste Resources with the partnership of Waste Management had a community Clean Up. 178 customers were helped. 87 tires, 11 mattresses, and a lot of other miscellaneous waste was collected from the residents in the Highgrove community.



Mead Valley Updates

Mead Valley Senior Valentine's Celebration

On February 14, the seniors in Mead Valley celebrated Valentine's Day. They enjoyed music, games, raffles and of course many different types of food and desserts. A special thanks to Lupita Mendoza, Senior Center Manager, and her volunteers for this beautiful event where all our seniors had a great time.



Mead Valley Black History Month Celebration

The Mead Valley community celebrated Black History Month on February 9. The community was delighted by the black history exhibits, entertainment, refreshments, and an African ensemble contest. Many thanks to Yolonda Williams and The Inland Empire Buffalo Soldiers who did an incredible job organizing and hosting this event at the Mead Valley Community Center.



Library Updates

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays
at 11:15am

Highgrove Library
530 W Center St
Riverside CA 92507
951-682-1507



Join us for stories,
music, crafts
and fun!



MOSES SCHAFER COMMUNITY CENTER

1ST & 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH:
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

21565 Steele Peak Dr | Perris



CONNECT

MOBILE RESOURCE VAN SERVICES:

Learning Lounge - Just-in-time literacy support services, such as resume and job help

Family Literacy Programs - Programs to develop literacy skills as a family, such as Raising a Reader and STEAM programs

Adult One-on-One Sessions - Get one-on-one support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking and digital skills

Adult Small Group Sessions - Get support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking, digital and job skills as a group

Library Services - Book checkout/checkin, holds pickup/return, get a library card

BUILDING BLOCKS

AT THE LIBRARY

HIGHGROVE LIBRARY 530 W.
CENTER ST RIVERSIDE, CA 92507



3:00PM
TO
4:30PM

COME SHOW OFF YOUR BUILDING
SKILLS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 2024

Riverside County Library System
5840 Mission Blvd. | Riverside, Ca. 92509
www.rivlib.net | 951.369.3003

Funding provided by the
State of California.



Lunch at the Library Partner Project

Starting January 8, visit your local
RCLS branch for food and fun after
school - snacks, books to take home,
arts and crafts, STEM learning and
more!



The CLA Lunch at the Library Partner Project is
supported in whole or in part by funding provided
by the State of California, administered by the
California State Library.

Upcoming 2023 Tax Information

Please see the below flyers for California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) and the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC). These are state tax credits for working Californians. If you qualify, you may see a reduced tax bill or a larger refund. Please follow the below link for more information:
<https://www.caleitc4me.org/>

If you made less than \$30,000 in 2023, you may qualify for a tax credit called **CalEITC.**






Did you know that 4 out of 5 Americans use **direct deposit** for their tax refund?




Does something need to change on your grocery bill?

You could qualify for **CalFresh**

FREE TAX SERVICES!

Every Friday from 10am-2pm



Have Your Taxes Filed For Free!

If you earned less than \$85k in 2023 and had no business losses or rental income, you qualify! Every Friday starting February 2, 2024 to Friday April 12, 2024. You can get your taxes done for Free at the Highgrove Library 530 W Center St. Riverside, CA 92507

For more information please call 951-682-1507



Election Information



Election is March 5th!

Please view VOTEinfo.net or call 800-345-VOTE for questions.

Want to find your polling location or closest ballot drop off location? Please [click here](#) to visit the website and type your address to find your voting location. Or visit vote.info.net/march-5-2024



Bye Bye Mattress Program

Got an old mattress? You've got options!

1

**Retailers
Take It**

2

**Drop It
Off**

3

**City
Pick Up**



More than 75% of a mattress can be recycled into other products, diverting valuable resources from local landfills! Learn how to recycle your mattress and free disposal options that may be available to you at:

ByeByeMattress.com #byebyemattress

You can visit their website www.ByeByeMattress.com to find a recycling location and additional information. If you would like these materials in Spanish, please let us know!

For more information about the program in your area, your local Bye Bye Mattress coordinator is Tyler Douthitt at (949) 534-6693.

Community Flyers

Proceeds Support Local Children in Need!



Come Play with Some of your Favorite NFL Players

Celebrity Golf Tournament

- ✓ 18 Holes of Golf
- ✓ Mulligans
- ✓ Raffles, Live Auction, Great Prizes!
- ✓ Foursome Photo
- ✓ Lunch and Awards Banquet Included!

EARLY BIRD PRICES THROUGH 1/31/2024

FOURSOME SPONSOR \$800

INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR \$200

PRICE Includes ALL Events Listed and More!

Additional Sponsorships Available!

May 3rd, 2024



Dos Lagos Golf Course
4507 Cabot Dr., Corona, CA 92883

CHECK IN 11:00am
Shotgun 12:30 pm

Register Online @ <http://copsforkidsinc.org/events>
To Reserve Your Spot Call or Email Chris Jeffries @
951-245-3389/CopsForKidsGolf@outlook.com

www.CopsForKidsInc.org

MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
Operated by The Grove Presents



IT ALL BEGINS WITH THE EASTER STORY.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 • 11 AM - 2 PM

MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

FREE EVENT (for children 1-12 years old)
Games, Crafts, Inflatables, Easter Egg Hunt, Raffles,
and Food Available for Purchase



Help decide how
\$10 MILLION
will be spent in communities
across Riverside County
TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY!



ENGLISH



SPANISH



HEALTHY JURUPA VALLEY
FREE JOB FAIR

Are you looking to connect with talented individuals and grow your team? Don't miss this **FREE** opportunity to showcase your company and connect with potential candidates at our upcoming Jurupa Valley Job Fair!

SATURDAY
MARCH 23
10am - 2pm

Reach Out's
Jurupa Valley Resource Center
8300 Limonite Ave., Ste. F
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

To be provided:

- 1 Table
- 2 Chairs
- Lunch for employers

REGISTER TODAY!
SPACE IS LIMITED



For more information please contact: Riverside County Employer Services
at (833) 303-4333 or employerservices@rivco.org

DISABILITY Job and Resource FAIR
Creating opportunities for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities

JOB FAIR
OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC

- RESOURCE FAIR SERVICES
- Resume writing workshop
 - Interviews on site
 - Accessing resources

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

9:00AM - 12:00PM

LOCATION

Community Action Partnership

2038 Iowa Suite B-102
Riverside, CA 92507



EMPLOYERS OR SUPPORT
AND RESOURCE AGENCIES
REGISTER HERE



SO MANY ANIMALS NEED YOU!

View adoptable pets here
Ver animales disponibles aqui



www.RCDAS.org/adoptable-pets



MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE

NOW AVAILABLE 24/7
Call 951-686-HELP

No matter what time of day or night, you can rely on RUHS - Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Response for assistance. If you or someone you love is going through a behavioral health crisis, just call **951-686-HELP**. A compassionate professional is always available to answer your call and send a mobile crisis response unit to your location if necessary.

If you speak another language, language assistance services are available to you free of charge. Call 1-951-955-4148 (TTY: 711).



SPECIAL NEEDS REUNIFICATION PROGRAM RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Enroll today!

Riverside County Sheriff's Office Special Needs Reunification Program helps law enforcement locate missing individuals with disabilities such as autism and dementia, as well as those with behavioral health challenges.



Families can pre-register to provide a detailed physical description of their loved one, photographs, possible destinations, and suggested calming strategies. Deputies and dispatchers can immediately access the information at the time of a missing persons call, expediting a safe return.

Scan the QR Code to register or learn more



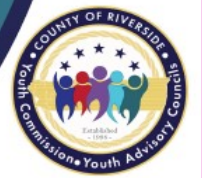
bit.ly/RIVCOREUN

The Special Needs Reunification Program is sponsored by the Riverside County Sheriff's Office and is supported by the Riverside University Health System.

THE GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO REUNIFY INDIVIDUALS WITH THEIR FAMILIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Register online or call any Sheriff's station for an in-person appointment.

For more information or to find a station near you, visit www.riversidesheriff.org.



RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Requirements to Join

- Attend a high school within Riverside County
- Be able to attend bi-weekly meetings and service events
- Eager to make changes in your community

Open Recruitment!

Join the Riverside County Youth Commission today and learn how you can serve your community, gain leadership skills and make your voice heard. Serve on one of our five Youth Advisory Councils under the Board of Supervisors and become a leader of tomorrow!

Interested in joining?
Scan QR code to complete an interest form:



@RivCoYAC
www.rivcoyac.org