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Kevin's Corner

A democratic system of government cannot reflect the needs of the electorate if citizens are kept in the dark about what their government is doing for them—or to them. During my service in the Legislature I fought hard to require that legislation be publicly available before it could be voted upon, and regularly sent out “Mushroom Alerts” to notify people when their government was operating in secret or trying to pass legislation without public comment or debate.

California’s “Brown Act” prevents local government from doing many of the things the state and federal government do to restrict public access, but I believe we can still do a better job of informing the public about issues that might impact them. Towards that end, this month Supervisor Jeff Stone and I introduced a series of reforms to change the way the Board of Supervisors’ agendas and background materials are formatted, to make it easier for you, me, and my staff to tell exactly what it is that an agenda item is doing, how much it will cost, and how it might impact you as a private citizen.

The first part of that reform requires that background material be provided with all agenda items no later than the Friday before a Tuesday Board Meeting, so that the public (and my staff and I) have the opportunity to review the details of an ordinance or resolution or expenditure over the weekend, rather than just the night before a Board Meeting. This also allows us to ask questions of the agency who submitted the agenda item before the meeting itself.

Secondly, we proposed a series of fixes to better disclose the costs of an agenda item. In response to longtime complaints from a community member who regularly attends the Board Meetings, as well as others (including me and my staff), we will now require that the public agenda that is distributed online and at the meetings include the costs within the item summary, so that you can tell at a quick glance whether something is important or not. We will also include in the background information, not just how much an item will cost in this fiscal year, but also the total cost over the lifetime of the project or contract.

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Furthermore, any ongoing operational costs will now be identified, so that we no longer have issues with approving expensive buildings without including a funding source for ongoing operations. Change orders will also be required to include the context of the cost increase. Is this the first change order on a project? The third? How much does this increase the total cost of the project? How much have all the accumulated change orders changed the cost of a project?

And lastly, for the first time, we will identify how an ordinance, fee, or program affects you as a county resident. There will be a section within the background information to specify what impacts an agenda item will have on the private sector, including families, property owners, and employers. Not every agenda item has a direct impact on the private sector, but when a proposal includes new fees or new regulations, I want to be sure the board understands not just how it affects the county's bottom line, but how it affects our residents and job creators as well.

I think these changes should help increase the transparency of our county operations. I still am working on some other issues to help further open our government to the people, but I am still only in the first year of my term, so give me some time!

Sincerely,
Kevin Jeffries

Lake Elsinore Office Grand Opening a Huge Hit!

Hundreds of constituents and local elected officials turned out last week for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of Supervisor Jeffries' new Lake Elsinore Office. The office was filled for much of the evening with people enjoying the opportunity to meet the Supervisor and his staff, as well as many other community leaders in attendance.

"I want to thank all those who came out to our new office last week," said Supervisor Jeffries. "My staff and I will be keeping regular hours down here in the south end of my district, so residents of Lake Elsinore, Temescal, Wildomar, Canyon Lake, Lakeland Village, Good Hope, and the unincorporated areas nearby can have easier access to our office without having to fight traffic on the 15, 215, or the 91."

While normal staffing for the office is expected to be Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, constituents are encouraged to call ahead, as staff schedules can be unpredictable, based on off-site meetings, and Monday and Tuesday meetings may also be available by appointment.

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Supervisor Success Stories



Each month this column will highlight recent successes in Supervisor Jeffries' Office, whether it is assistance for a single citizen dealing with the county bureaucracy, a change in county policy to improve our community, or a promise kept by the Supervisor.

Local Control for Wildomar Parkland

At Supervisor Jeffries' request, the Riverside County Board this month voted to transfer 27 acres of vacant land to the City of Wildomar to be used as a park. The county also is going to provide \$300,000 to the City from parks fees collected before incorporation to help the city with the development and construction of the park. These 27 acres had been purchased by the county in 2008 for use as a park, but had sat fenced and vacant for 5 years. This transfer, along with new park maintenance revenues for the city, will help transform what was a liability for the county and city into a recreational asset for the community.

Assisting the Citizens' Right to Know

Understanding county government can be very difficult, and even those who try to follow the agendas of the Board of Supervisors can find it frustrating to determine what an agenda item actually does, with important issues frequently not explaining the fiscal impacts of decisions and sometimes not including any background information at all until the day before a Board Meeting. Supervisor Jeffries received unanimous support from his fellow Supervisors in July to require the monetary costs of items to be included in the agenda summary itself, require that all background information be publicly available the Friday before a Board Meeting, and that funding sources, fiscal impacts to the county, and impacts on families, property owners and businesses be explicitly spelled out in the background material.

Illegal Dumping Operation Stopped in Mead Valley/Lake Mathews Area

After receiving several complaints and personally witnessing illegal green waste dumping taking place at the intersection of Cajalco Road and Wood Road in the Mead Valley/Lake Mathews area, Supervisor Jeffries instructed staff to look into abating the situation. Staff worked with the Department of Fish and Game, Code Enforcement, Environmental Health, Riverside County Fire Department officials and the landowner to reach a solution for cleanup of the site. The tenant who was the source of the illegal green waste dumping was promptly evicted and the landowner has contracted out the cleanup of the site which is now in progress.

County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

Each month, the Jeffries Journal will highlight one of the Supervisor's nearly 100 appointees on Boards and Commissions in the county, to provide an insight into the kind of service opportunities that exist, and the people who have chosen to serve.

Chris Hyland

Riverside County Flood Control District Commission—Zone 5

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is divided into seven geographical zones with each zone being taxed separately. Monies raised in one zone must be spent in only that zone. Each zone is represented by three Zone Commissioners appointed by the District's Board to advise the Supervisors and District staff. A map of those zones with information on the commissioners is available here:

www.floodcontrol.co.riverside.ca.us/Zones.aspx



What does your commission do?

Flood Control District Zone 3 has a lot of challenges. One of the most gratifying things I've participated in was taking action to prevent flooding in the Lake Elsinore Cemetery. After I contacted Kevin Jeffries back when he was in the Assembly, he took action and we are now in the process of protecting these gravesites from flood damage. Flood Control has also been working diligently in Lakeland Village to provide reliable storm drains.

The Arroyo Del Toro Channel downstream of Highway 74 is another great project. Much progress has happened in the past several years as to restraining flooding in Zone 3. I certainly feel that we have accomplished much in our District based on the working of many projects to protect our area against flooding. There is much more to be done and we will work hard to accomplish better control of flooding in our area.

What interested you in being a Flood Control Commissioner?

I became interested in serving as a Flood Control Commissioner because I enjoy the challenge of working for the betterment of our area against any flooding situations that we may encounter. I enjoy serving the citizens with any problems they may encounter in their area regarding flooding and how it can be corrected to save properties and roadways. There are areas that need a lot of attention to prevent flooding in Zone 3 and I will do everything in my power to work toward seeing that we are living in a safe and protective area against flooding. I enjoy the opportunity to make real changes in our community that can save lives and property.

Vacancy on Flood Control and Water Conservation District Commission

We are seeking a Flood Control District Commissioner who lives in "Zone 1", which is basically the City of Riverside. This commission provides for the "control and conservation of flood and storm waters and for the protection of watercourses, watersheds, public highways, life and property from damage or destruction from such flood waters." This commission generally meets quarterly in the City of Riverside. For more information, contact RMagee@RCBOS.org or apply online at www.SupervisorJeffries.org under the "Boards and Commissions" tab.

Non Profit Spotlight

Smiles for Seniors



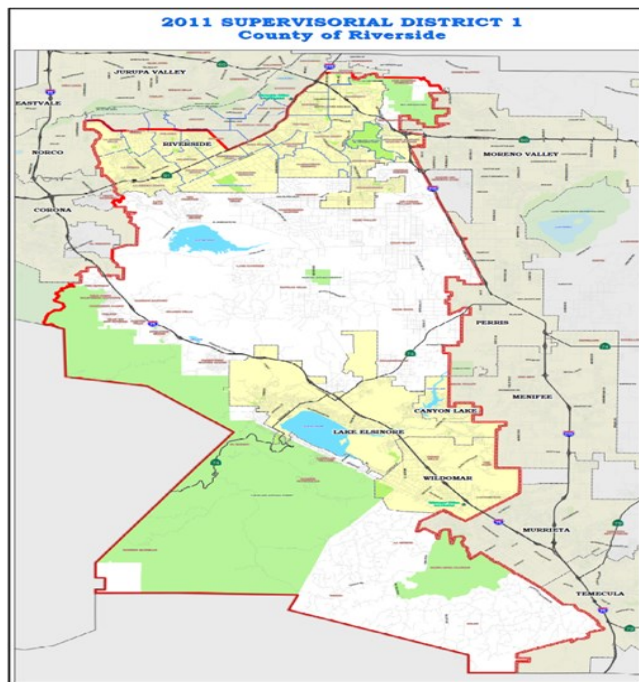
Smiles for Seniors Foundation is a Non Profit 501 c (3) organization serving low income seniors in the Inland Empire and surrounding areas. Each year the program provides emergency assistance and safety net services to struggling low income seniors who would otherwise have nowhere to turn.

Smiles for Seniors are quickly becoming one of the leading senior assistance agencies providing assistance for food, housing, utility payments, minor home and auto repair and help pay for life saving prescriptions and medical equipment, just to name a few.

Not funded by the government; and with the state budget being what it is; many assistance programs that rely on government funding are losing funding and they are gaining their overflow. They get many of their referrals from local agencies such as, 211 United Way, Salvation Army, Office on Aging, Adult Protective Services, law enforcement, social service workers, hospitals, churches, local senior centers and many other agencies.

The program is open to seniors age 65 or older with an income of under \$15,000 year single and \$20,000 per year combined and may be used one time. They are not funded by the government. The funding is provided solely from local corporate, business and community sponsors. They are always in need of funding to continue to help seniors at their time of need.

If you or anyone you know would benefit from our program or would like more info, or to donate please contact Smiles for Seniors at (909)790-6671 or www.smilesforseniorsfoundation.org.



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, Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, and Wildomar, and unincorporated communities including Woodcrest, Lake Mathews, Mead Valley, Temescal Valley, Good Hope, Lakeland Village, El Cariso, Meadowbrook, La Cresta, and DeLuz

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