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Kevin's Corner

Earlier this month, we had some good news and some bad news as we passed a draft version of the 2013-2014 County Budget. The best news is that for the first time in five years, the revenues going into the county budget are rising, rather than shrinking (note: I'm NOT taking credit for that in Supervisor Success Stories!), with property tax, sales tax, and other funding sources expected to increase by about 3% this year.

Our total budget will be in the \$4.7 billion range, though only about 13% of that is considered "discretionary," or under the control of the Board of Supervisors. The rest of the budget is pass throughs of state and federal dollars for specific programs or special funds paid for with fees dedicated for that purpose, like the Department of Waste Management, which is funded with fees that must be kept within the agency. Despite the increase in revenues, the overall budget is going to go down about 6% over last year's budget, because we continue to spend more than we earn here in Riverside County. On the positive side, for the second year in a row, the spending deficit can be made up without dipping into long term reserves.

The increase in "discretionary" funding is about \$17 million. Unfortunately, ongoing fixed labor cost increases (due to contracts approved prior to my election) in the "discretionary" budget will rise faster than the increase in revenues. Furthermore, Riverside County Regional Medical Center is losing tens of millions of dollars this year, and is very likely to lose even more next year—as much as \$50 million, which the county will have to somehow cover. You can then add in the impacts of the Governor's prison realignment plan, which has resulted in the release of thousands of inmates into our streets, requiring an increase in deputies on patrol and the need for construction (and operation) of new jail capacity as soon as possible.

So while I am pleased that it appears the county has begun to rebound from the recession, with unemployment decreasing, property values increasing, and sales tax growing, we are clearly not growing quickly enough yet to overcome some of our budget's structural problems, and some huge challenges on the very near horizon may well over-shadow the good news entirely.

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Clearly we need to find more ways to curtail unnecessary spending while pushing reforms to increase employment in Riverside County, so that we can better balance the revenues and the expenditures in the future, and I look forward to having a full year to examine next year's budget for exactly those sorts of opportunities.

That said, I am glad that unlike the often imaginary budget projections used by the state, and the non-existent budget at the federal level (has it been four years or five since they last produced an actual budget?), the budget we are contemplating here in Riverside County is balanced, based on conservative estimates, and maintains a prudent reserve. It is certainly a welcome change from the budgets I repeatedly had to vote against during my service in Sacramento!

With the heavy issues out of the way, I hope you enjoy the rest of the newsletter – be sure to check out the information on the opening of our new District Office in Lake Elsinore coming up on July 24th!

Sincerely,

Kevin Jeffries

Open House and Ribbon Cutting for New Lake Elsinore Office to be Held July 24th

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries and his staff will be hosting a public open house and ribbon cutting ceremony for his new Lake Elsinore District Office on Wednesday, July 24th, from 4-7pm. Located at 31569 Canyon Estates Drive, Suite 113, just up the road from Railroad Canyon past the Holiday Inn Express, this new office will make it easier for residents of Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Canyon Lake, and the surrounding unincorporated communities to come meet with the Supervisor and his staff, rather than having to travel to downtown Riverside.

“As a Lakeland Village resident, I know it is inconvenient to have to drive down to the Riverside County Administrative Center to get county services, so this location in Lake Elsinore will allow those in the southern end of the 1st District to meet with me and my staff without having to spend two hours on the road to do so,” said Jeffries.

The Open House and Ribbon Cutting is being held in conjunction with the Lake Elsinore and Wildomar Chambers of Commerce, and will feature light refreshments and a variety of local elected officials coming through during the event.

The Lake Elsinore staff will mostly be staffed Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and occasional Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment or as Board of Supervisor meeting schedules permit.

To RSVP for the open house, please e-mail Kerstin at KJustus@RCBOS.org or call the Lake Elsinore office at 951-471-4500.

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.

Promise Kept!

During his campaign, candidate Jeffries promised that if elected, he would support rules that apply to Supervisors to prevent them from using public tax dollars for political purposes through mass mailings promoting themselves or by distributing community funds to high profile groups or political supporters in the weeks before an election.

On June 18th, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to approve a new "black-out period" in the 60 days before an election, during which taxpayer-funded mass mailings and the awards of community funding grants would be prohibited. This will help level the playing field for future challengers of incumbents in Riverside County.

Fantastic Food Truck Festival

On June 25th, the parking lot at the County Administrative Center was filled with a dozen gourmet food trucks and hundreds (thousands?) of hungry people coming to our Free the Food Trucks Festival. Trucks featured on national television shows such as the Cousin's Maine Lobster Truck, Crepes Bonaparte, Grilled Cheese Truck, Baconmania, Suite 106 Cupcakes, and others stayed busy all day as people lined up to sample their wares. See pictures below!

Meanwhile, inside the building, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve Supervisor Jeffries' request to begin working with the Department of Environment Health to draft a new ordinance to allow food trucks to operate in Riverside like they already do in LA, San Diego, Orange County, Santa Barbara, and many other places around the country.

Food Truck Festival @ The Riverside CAC Building

June 26th, 2013



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.

James Sinkiewicz Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force (GRGTF)

James resides in La Cresta and is a retired Naval Officer with a son who is currently serving on active duty in the Navy and stationed in Washington State. As a single parent and father of two, his son relies on relatives to provide a caring and safe environment for his children while he is deployed or away from home for training or other missions. James became aware of the GRGTF during his most recent five months as primary caregiver for his two lovely grandchildren. "When I was in the military, I always knew where to turn for help. As a civilian, I was out of my element," James said, "but the people associated with the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program are a tremendous resource."



The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force (GRGTF) is a collaborative organization created by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors about 15 years ago to serve as a central point of access for grandparents into the county services system.

The Task Force consists of representatives from the variety of county agencies that impact the lives of these families, as well as representatives of county and state elected officials, grandparents, and community volunteers.

As part of its goal to address the multiple, complex issues faced by grandparents who have taken the responsibility of primary caregiver, the Task Force hosts several support groups throughout the county. The Murrieta/Temecula area support group meets the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Mary Phillips Senior Center in Old Town Temecula, located at 41845 Sixth Street, just behind the fire station.

GRG invites all grandparents raising grandchildren to come and visit and share your experiences, challenges and concerns, and learn about programs that are designed to assist you in raising your grandchildren so that they may live safely and with a sense of belonging. There are interesting things happening in the county just for your benefit and the benefit of those in your care. Join us! Call 1-800-510-2020 for more information.

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.

Students of the Year Program 2013

1st District "Student of the Year" program

This program has been honoring students since 2010. The vision of this program is to promote, acknowledge and praise our local elementary and high school students for their efforts to succeed academically.

How are students selected: Principals and Teachers select their Students of the Year. At the elementary level, typically a student is selected from each grade level. At the high School level a senior is selected as the Student of the Year. In 2013, 9 schools participated in this program. Each student receives a Certificate of Recognition from the Supervisor and a gift certificate as a token of appreciation for their scholastic efforts. 1st District Staff attend each school to present these certificates.

(Alvord Unified)

Lake Hills Elementary:

Kinder- Avery Kelly
1st Grade-Danica Herrera
2nd Alexa Grimke
3rd Grade- Elijah Kang
4th Grade-Sarah Lunetto
5th Grade-Megan Purcell
5th Grade-Enrique Moran

(Corona-Norco Unified)

Temescal Elementary:

Kinder-Evan Ravenkamp
1st Grade- Peyton Becker
2nd Grade- Samantha Padilla
3rd Valerie Valdez
4th Grade-Matthew Stevens
5th Grade-Storm Seeley
6th Grade-Kylie Cortez

(Elsinore Unified)

Lakeland Village School:

Kinder: Lucille Ritchie
Kinder: Emmanuel Farias
Kinder: Nayeli Ruiz
Kinder: Israel Rios Nava
5th Grade: Melinda Vanderford
5th Grade: Hector Orozco
5th Grade: Oscar Ramirez Castillo
8th Grade: Jared Bolanos
8th Grade: Gisel Ramirez

(Elsinore Unified)

Elsinore High School:

Madison S. Gordon

(Riverside Unified)

Lake Mathews Elementary

Kinder: Samantha Durant
1st Grade: Kiana Jam
2nd Grade: Luke Rogers
3rd Grade: Julia Thompson
4th Grade: Davis DeAnda
5th Grade: Taylor Freedland
6th Grade: Andrew Vargas

(Riverside Unified)

Woodcrest Elementary

1st Grade: Cristhina Pedro
2nd Grade: Peyton Dyer
3rd Grade: Miguel Pedro
4th Grade: Annalise Waggener
5th Grade: Anthony Pedro
6th Grade: Zachary Alexander

Val Verde Unified

Columbia Elementary

Kinder- Anabelle Ramirez
1st Grade- Jenni G. Araiza
2nd Xiomara Gutierrez
3rd Grade- Benjamin Garcia
4th Grade-David Lagunas
5th Grade-Yamilete Castellano

Val Verde Unified

Mead Valley Elementary:

Kinder- Onyxx Moore
1st Grade- Roselyn Martinez-Morgan
2nd Sergio Ivan Santana
3rd Grade- Xitlali Sandoval
4th Grade-Alejandro Valdivia
5th Grade-Valery Aguirre

Woodcrest Christian High School

Joshua Murdaugh



Pictured: Woodcrest Elementary Students

Non Profit Spotlight

Trauma Intervention Programs of Southwest Riverside County



Almost everyone has experienced a traumatic situation, a car accident, a fire or perhaps the loss of a loved one. At times like this, many people feel alone and helpless in the first few minutes or hours before their support system of family and friends can rally to their side. That is where the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) comes in. Founded more than 28 years ago in Vista California by Wayne Fortin, a Family Therapist, the organization's goal is to provide emotional first aid and practical support to victims and family members in the first crucial moments following their tragedy.

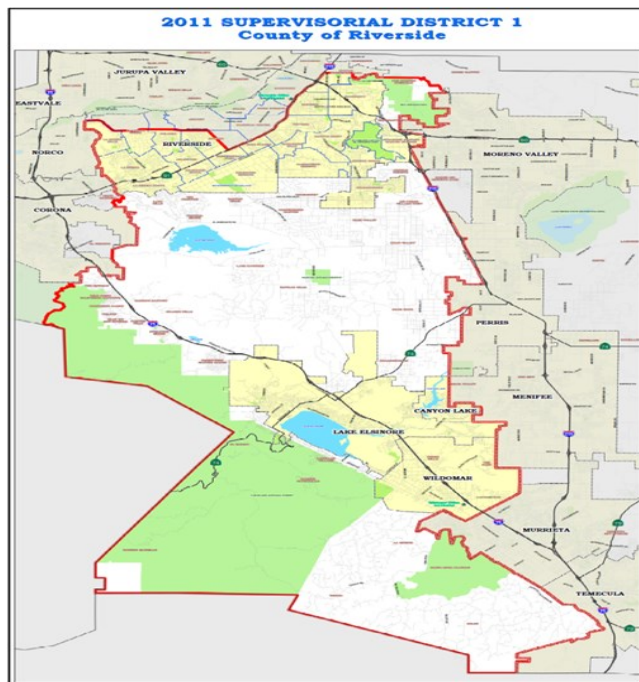
Now a national non-profit organization, TIP has Chapters throughout the United States. The Southwest County Chapter features their own Board of Directors and a current volunteer roster of more than 50 members who responded to over 500 calls last year and provided more than 30,000 hours of service to the community.

TIP volunteers must complete a 55-hour training and screening program, which includes practical training sessions, speakers and even a background check. New volunteers are recruited and trained twice annually and monthly continuing education meetings are held at local hospitals. "The next training class will take place in late summer and we are already accepting applications," explained Gina Magee the organization's Executive Director.

"TIP volunteers are called to crisis scenes by Law Enforcement, Firefighters and Hospital Emergency room personnel. The organization will respond to any type of situation when requested by an authorized First Responder." Gina continued "We are trained and prepared to respond 24/7, 365 days a year within 20 minutes to any location throughout Southwest Riverside County. These services are provided free of charge to victims and their families."

Once a year the organization holds a fundraiser that also serves to recognize the efforts of First Responders. This year the "Heroes with Heart" Awards Ceremony will be held on October 18th in the Diamond Club at Storm Stadium.

As a 501c(3) non-profit organization the group is funded by local governments, businesses and individual donations. To find out more about donating to TIP or if you'd like to sign up for their next recruiting class please contact Gina Magee at (951) 226-6793.



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