



Jeffries Journal January 2013

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
Riverside County, District 1

Kevin Jeffries Takes Office

KEVIN'S CORNER

On November 6th the voters of the First District gave me the green light to represent them as their next Riverside County First District Supervisor. On January 8th, I was honored to be officially sworn-in--and we have not slowed down since.

So what does a County Supervisor do? Well, Riverside County has 5 elected Supervisors, each representing almost half a million people. In some ways the County Board of Supervisors is like a city council, except the Supervisors are responsible for the entire county – not just a single city. While many cities have their own police and fire departments, the county (via your tax dollars) also provides funding for the County Sheriff's department, fire department, roads, flood control, county hospital, county jails, probation, county code enforcement, building & safety, mental health, environmental health, libraries, regional parks & trails, veteran services, waste management, animal services, and the list goes on.

Riverside County is the 5th largest county (out of 58 counties) in California. In fact the population served in Riverside County is bigger than 15 states and is approximately the size of New Jersey. In my office we have a full time staff of seven (and an intern from UCR) working out of the County Administrative Center in downtown Riverside (see article on staff

elsewhere in this newsletter). In a few months, I'm hoping to open an office in Lake Elsinore, to better serve the Southwest Riverside communities of Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Temescal Canyon, Lakeland Village, El Cariso, Meadowbrook, Good Hope, La Cresta and DeLuz.

Our office(s) will always strive to promptly return your calls for assistance, and to be open and accessible. We will work to keep our communities safe, encourage private sector job creation in Riverside County, protect our quality of life and make sure that you're hard earned tax dollars are spent wisely and effectively. Each month we plan to issue an email newsletter to keep you informed about your county government. You can also see the Board Agendas and watch the Board of Supervisors' meetings at 9am on most Tuesdays from your computer. Just go to

<http://rivcocob.com/agendas-and-minutes/>

In closing, I have been a resident of Riverside County since 1971. My wife and I have raised our family and operated our small family business here for the past 30 years. I thank you again for your support and the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries

HIGHLIGHTS



Article Title

Supervisor Jeffries' portrait officially added to the Board wall in the County Administrative Center.



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Volunteers Wanted for County Boards and Commissions!



As part of his duties on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Kevin is responsible for finding appointees in the 1st District for over 40 boards and commissions. On top of that, there are dozens of other boards and commissions that have a county-wide impact in which he has a voice in the appointments. While most of these boards and commissions have appointees currently serving, there are a number of vacancies that exist today, and we expect to see regular turnover as terms expire or people choose to no longer serve.

Some of the vacancies that exist today are on the Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse (three vacancies!), El Sobrante Landfill Oversight Commission, Fair Board, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force, Mental Health Board, Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Commission, and Riverside County Trails Committee.

Information on some of the committees can be found here:

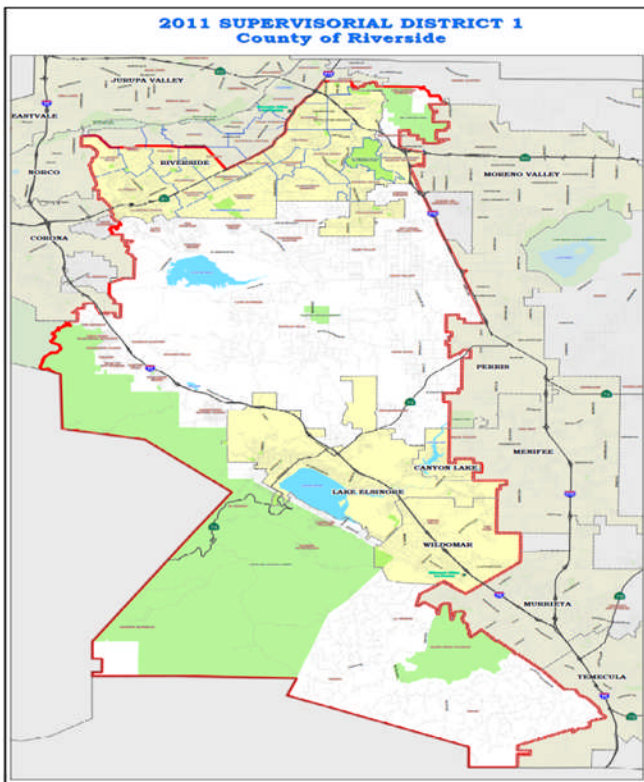
<http://www.rivcodistrict2.org/opencms/boards/>

If you would like information on some of the other committees that exist that may pertain to your interests or expertise, please feel free to contact Kerstin Justus at KJustus@RCBOS.org or at 951-955-1010.

To apply for a board or commission, please fill out the application here:

<http://www.rivcodistrict1.org/pdf/BoardsandCommissionsApplication11713.pdf>

Do You live in the First District?



Non Profit Spotlight



Recycling for Reading

On Saturday, February 23rd from 10am-3pm, you can help raise funds for the Woodcrest Library by donating your obsolete or used electronics items for recycling. Items accepted include computers, laptops, tablets, smartphones, televisions, monitors, printers and more.

Drop off date: Saturday, February, 23rd

Drop off time: 10am-2pm

Drop off location: Woodcrest Library (16625 Krameria Avenue, Riverside)

Recognized by the non-profit Basal Action Network, All Green is a certified e-Stewards Electronic Recycler for upholding the highest standard of social and environmental responsibility. All Green has partnered with the library to help the environment and the community. All Green practices responsible recycling with a zero landfill policy, a zero export policy, green job creation in California and commitment to reduce, reuse and recycle. All the items collected will undergo secure data destruction.

For more information, please visit: www.AllGreenRecycling.com

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

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.

BUREAUCRACY BUSTER: After years of frustration attempting to navigate through the County permit process on her own, small business owner Linda Shaver recently contacted our office for assistance. Jeffries staff member Bob Magee and the Supervisor worked with the county bureaucracy (and their management), and with their help, finally received approval this month to build her new Hair Depot! Her current building at the corner of Grand Avenue and Adelfa Street in Lakeland Village will continue to serve her clients while she constructs the new 936 sq. ft. building on the same site. Linda plans to submit her building plans shortly and hopes to be in her new building soon.

FREED OF UNFAIR FINES: A Perris Valley resident contacted our office after being assessed \$7,000 in fines by Code Enforcement for violations that had occurred under a previous property owner. Even though Code Enforcement acknowledged that he had not created the problem, and was making progress towards mitigating the problem, they had refused to waive the fines. Jeffries staff member Tom Ketcham was able to work with Code Enforcement and the constituent to eliminate the fines resulting from the previous owner, which will help the new owner be able to afford to continue to improve his property and clean up the mess left by the previous owner.

PROMISE KEPT: Supervisor Jeffries has promised the residents of the 1st District that they would not be responsible for paying for his retirement, and before he even took office, he signed paperwork refusing to participate in the County Pension Program. He has also written a letter to initiate the process to refuse county contributions to the 401 A retirement accounts. It is his belief that being an elected supervisor is a public service, not a career, and that supervisors should be responsible for their own retirement funds.



2012 Woman of the Year Awards Nomination Information

The County of Riverside Commission for Women is pleased to announce that it is accepting nominations for its 2012 Woman of the Year Awards, to be bestowed upon an outstanding woman in each supervisorial district, who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to her community, by working to improve the status of women and their families in Riverside County.

Supervisor Jeffries' office has received several nominations for consideration and is available for more suggestions that members of District #1 have. Please feel free to contact us at (951) 955-1010 or via our website today to nominate someone who you feel is an outstanding member of your community today. You can also apply directly by visiting the Commission for Women at www.rivcocfw.com. Nominations are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

Let's be sure to recognize those who help us to achieve more in our communities on a daily basis.

SUPERVISOR'S STAFF AT YOUR SERVICE

Supervisor Jeffries has put together a diverse and experienced team to serve the constituents of the 1st Supervisorial District. Please feel free to contact them directly if there is anything they can do to be of service.

Elena H. Bautista—Board Assistant (Bi-lingual): Joined the 1st District staff in 2005 as the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Coordinator. Upon graduation from UC Riverside in 2008, Supervisor Bob Buster appointed her as a Board Assistant, where she was responsible for scheduling, proclamations and resolutions, constituent response, and assisted with community events. Elena is the lead secretary in the Riverside office, and assists with health and social services issues, among other duties. She recently completed her MS in Counseling and Guidance, PPS from CSU San Bernardino. EHBautista@RCBOS.org

Kayla Benites—Legislative Intern: Kayla was initially selected to be a Legislative Intern by Supervisor Bob Buster, and has been retained by Supervisor Jeffries. She is currently a senior at UC Riverside, majoring in business administration. She will serve as a coordinator for Kevin's Youth Advisory Council in Riverside County. She has participated in several community service projects with the Youth Advisory Council, including Temescal Valley's Trunk or Treat and Good Hope Community Center's annual Breakfast with Santa. KBenites@RCBOS.org

Jeff Greene—Chief of Staff: Jeff served as Kevin Jeffries' Chief of Staff in the State Assembly throughout his service in the legislature, and has spent the last 17 years working in Western Riverside County. Jeff is the primary spokesperson for the office, handles media inquiries, and is available to speak to community groups and organizations that want updates on county government. He will also likely exercise his Super Chief powers to ensure he gets to do all the fun stuff. Jeff is a graduate of UCLA with a MA in Political Science from CSU Fullerton. JTGreene@RCBOS.org

Kristen Huyck—Legislative Assistant: Kristen served as a Field Representative for Kevin Jeffries in the State Assembly for the last four years, having previously worked in political campaigns, and community and government relations in Western Riverside County. The most over-educated member of the staff, she has BAs in both Political Science and Sociology from UC Santa Barbara, an MA in Poli Sci from CSU Fullerton, and recently completed her Doctorate in Education from Pepperdine University. She serves as the education, special districts, OES and fire liaison for Kevin, and is the primary community representative for Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Lake Mathews, Temescal Valley, Wildomar and Woodcrest. KHuyck@RCBOS.org

Kerstin Justus—Scheduler/Office Manager: Kerstin served as the primary scheduler and office manager throughout Kevin's six years in the State Assembly, and previously served for another Assembly member as well. Primarily based in the future Lake Elsinore District Office, she is the primary point of contact for scheduling the Supervisor and staff for meetings and appointments, and is responsible for over-seeing office operations, event logistics, and anything else that requires her amazing organizational skills. KJustus@RCBOS.org

Thomas Ketcham—Legislative Assistant (Bi-lingual): Served as a volunteer firefighter in Riverside County for 21 years (most with Kevin Jeffries, who served for 29 years), and has a variety of experiences as a small businessman in restaurants, real estate, and building and permitting processes. Thomas' responsibilities include law enforcement, code enforcement, political reform, RTA, EDA, Hispanic outreach programs and support for land use issues. He also is the primary community representative for Good Hope, Mead Valley, Perris Valley and the City of Riverside. TKetcham@RCBOS.org

Bob Magee—District Director for Planning and Land Use: Bob Magee has served as a Councilmember in Lake Elsinore (including several terms as Mayor) since 2003. After receiving a degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University, he started his career in the Lake Elsinore City Planning Department, and spent the past decade as Executive Officer of Forest Wood Fiber Products. He has served as Chairman of the Riverside County Transportation Commission and been selected as Citizen of the Year by several regional organizations. Bob is the primary staff member responsible for planning, land use, waste management, and local transportation issues. RMagee@RCBOS.org

Robin Reid—Health and Human Services Advisor: Poached from Supervisor Jeff Stone, Robin has been with the Board of Supervisors since January 2005. Robin has been responsible for handling issues in human and social services including child abuse prevention and protection, domestic violence, human-trafficking, sexual assault, mental health, public health, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, childcare, foster care and adoption, and programs and services for low-income individuals, and is now the primary staff liaison and policy advisor for those issues with Supervisor Jeffries. Robin previously worked in the California State Legislature from 1994-2005 as a legislative assistant. Robin's educational background is in social and behavioral science and she is currently pursuing her law degree. RRReid@RCBOS.org