

**SUPERVISOR
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RIVERSIDE
COUNTY
DISTRICT #1**



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Kevin's Corner

Well, we have survived the holidays, and for most of us our wallets are unfortunately a little lighter as we head into the New Year! Hopefully all that Christmas shopping will at least help provide new revenues to the county budget.

I believe the future for Riverside County is both bright and challenging. When I moved here in 1971 the total population of county was around 460,000. Today we are pushing somewhere near 2.3 million – and growing. Out of 58 counties in California we are the 4th largest (behind LA, Orange & San Diego). Our challenge will be protecting and enhancing our Quality of Life (i.e. good jobs, safe neighborhood, public infrastructure – streets, schools, etc.) as that growth inevitably comes.

Unfortunately, while many economies are based on exports, our biggest export in Riverside County seems to be workers – employees who have to drive to other counties for good paying jobs. That's one reason why we need to continue our county-wide efforts to be more business & job friendly.

Regarding our county finances – prior to my election I watched my board colleagues make some very difficult choices and very big cuts to keep our county budget sound. I'm cautiously optimistic that we are improving, but I have to say that I'm nervous. I'm nervous that our annual expenses are on a path to grow faster than the growth of our slowly increasing revenues.

Finding new efficiencies and advocating for consolidations will be my top financial priorities in 2014. I also want to start reducing the county debt load (the mortgage-like debt we hand off to our children and their children). Let's also look at better promoting volunteerism in our County. Our County parks department has a great volunteer program that saves millions of dollars each year! Of course, volunteerism won't solve all of our financial challenges – but I would argue that having more citizens (taxpayers) involved and helping with some of the day to day operations of our government is a good thing, and I have heard from many of our residents that want to help.

In closing - a lot of very good things have happened in the First District (some of which I owe to my predecessor for starting). It has been honor to finish some of those past efforts and to kick off new efforts to improve our county and our neighborhoods.

If you have ideas or suggestions to help make Riverside County even better, please feel free to drop us a note, and yes – I accept and read the nasty-grams that point how we could do even better!

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries

[See my year in review comments for 2013 at
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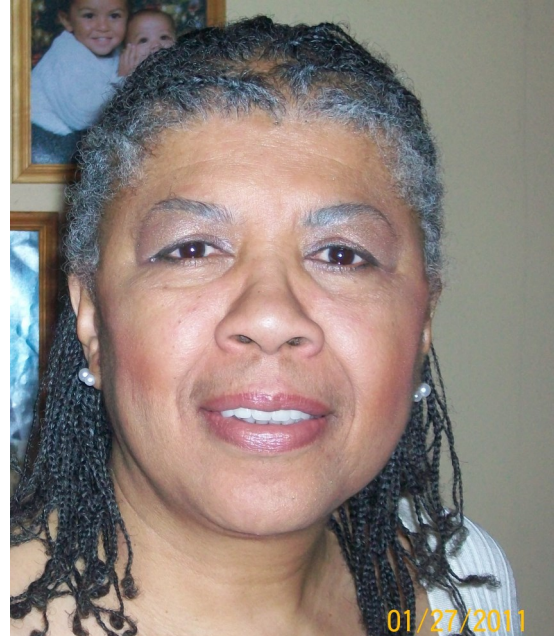
County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

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.

Goodhope / Meadowbrook MAC *Jackie McDonald, President*

What does your Council do?

This configuration of the Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC has been together since the election of Mr. Jeffries as our supervisor. Our main concerns are to be a conduit between the community and the Supervisor's office to convey our neighborhood's concerns and opinions. The GH/MB Municipal Advisory Council is working to provide the community's opinions on upcoming developments in our rural area. We listen to our neighbors' concerns and bring in those county professionals to help us solve those problems and concerns. Street lights and sidewalks are a major concern to some because of safety issues, and residents would like amenities that are usually provided within city boundaries. Our goal at this point is to get as many residents as possible involved in making the Good Hope and Meadowbrook communities viable, safe, clean, and healthy places to live.



What interested you in serving on the MAC?

My family has lived in the Good Hope area for the past 25 years and I have been a volunteer in the school district during all of that time, serving on many different committees. I became aware of the MAC during the time Redevelopment became an issue in the area. The MAC at that time seemed to be in lock step and needed diversity of opinion. I applied when there was an opening and was appointed just before the last election. I am grateful to Supervisor Jeffries for reappointing me. I hope that my leadership makes a difference in our community and brings us all together.



Christmas play and dinner @ Goodhope Elementary. Toys were also distributed by Supervisor Jeffries and his staff to the kids in attendance.



Here you can see the results of the play, dinner, and toy handout held at the Good Hope Elementary School...very happy smiling faces of young kids!

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.

Flood Control Channel Clean Ups...

At the end of last year a private property owner approached the First District Office with a simple request: "Can you please clean up the weeds and debris accumulating at the end of your flood control channel?"

The Ortega Channel runs perpendicular to Grand Avenue and parallel to a group of homes on Serena Way in Lakeland Village. Over the years the Channel had filled with silt, trash & debris. Additionally, non-native vegetation began to take hold and had grown in excess of 10 feet high in some spots.

Our office put the property owner in touch with Flood Control Commissioner Chris Hyland who immediately scheduled a site meeting for January 2, 2014 and on January 7th the Flood Control District was on- scene and completely cleaned the channel and beach area.

While the Department of Fish & Game had reviewed and approved the District's request for a clean-up, Commissioner Hyland helped move this to the top of the priority list before a significant rain event could occur which might have caused additional issues.

Supervisor Jeffries also worked with Wildomar Mayor Scott Walker, Councilmember Ben Benoit, and Planning Commissioners Bobby Swann and Stan Smith to accelerate a similar dredging and clean-up project along the Murrieta Creek drainage from McVickar Street to Clinton Keith Road.



Accidentally Super-Sized House's Property Tax Bill Down-Sized

A constituent who had casually checked his own house's profile on Zillow.com noticed that his house was listed for a lot more money than similar houses on his street. He read the full listing closer, and realized that his profile showed the house with over 1,000 more square feet than actually existed! With a little investigation, he realized that Zillow got its information from the County Tax Assessor, which in turn meant that it was likely he was paying taxes for 1,000 square feet of house that didn't exist!

He contacted Supervisor Jeffries office, and when staff called the Assessor's Office, they very quickly acknowledged the error and confirmed that the constituent had, in fact, been over-billed for his property tax for five years! They promptly fixed the error in their system and are issuing a refund check for all the excess taxes that had been paid.

Non Profit Spotlight

COMMUNITY CONNECT

What is Community Connect?

Community Connect is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Since 1966 Community Connect has contributed to creating safe and healthy communities by connecting those in need with the people who can help. Each year we assist more than 108,000 men, women and children through a vast array of services covering all of Riverside County.

What services does Community Connect provide?

Community Connect covers many platforms of social service and community support, working in diverse focus areas such as volunteerism, housing, long-term care resident advocacy, transportation and more. There are eight major program areas: 211, Riverside County Alternative Sentencing Program, HELP line, Crisis/Suicide Prevention, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Nonprofit Resource Center, Housing Assistance, Transportation Assistance Program, Volunteer Connection

What is the impact of Community Connect?

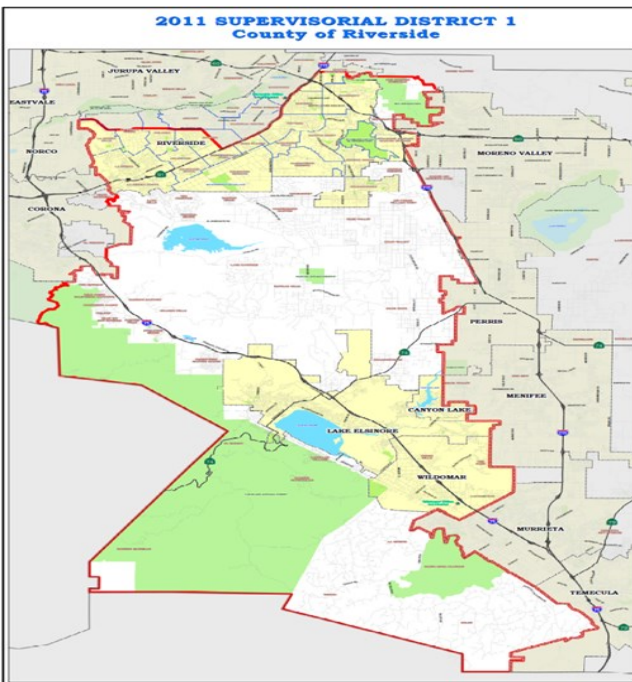
In the past year Community Connect: Assisted 200 nonprofit agencies and nearly 108,826 individuals in need, Oversaw the distribution of 966 Christmas baskets, Referred 80,180 residents to agencies for various critical needs such as food, medic care and shelter, Answered 8,099 suicide/crisis prevention calls, Safeguarded the elderly with more than 7,527 visits to skilled nursing facilities, Assisted 379 individuals with housing placement and rental assistance, Distributed 79,384 bus tickets to individuals who would have no other way to get to critical destinations such as job interviews, medical appointments and the grocery store, Provided hundreds of Riverside County nonprofits with additional development and skill building

How can I support Community Connect?

Several of our programs rely on the support and time of talented volunteers. Whether you wish to work with those searching for information referral or seniors in need of advocates, there is a volunteer opportunity for you. Donations...Our organization relies on funding from grants and the generous contributions from individuals across Riverside County. Donations of goods and services, as well as monetary giving, support our many programs and efforts in the community.

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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, Tenaja, and DeLuz



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Mayor William "Rusty" Bailey
City of Riverside

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MARCH 19TH 9AM - 4PM \$15.00
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7:30 PM

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