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Kevin's Corner

Sometime last year I raised the question: "What Does Riverside County Want To Be When It Grows Up?" The question sounds a little silly at first blush, but it really does need to be answered for all of us who call Riverside County home. Regardless if you live within city boundaries or an unincorporated community in Riverside County, the question of how our western Riverside County region should look, feel, and live will impact all of us.

If a friend or family member flew into town from out of state, what three or four places or things would you want to show them about your community? How about the city or town next to yours? Would it be a beautiful historic row of restored buildings or homes? A large community park? A vibrant downtown? Open space with walking trail opportunities? A minor league ball stadium? A university campus? How many of you said a thriving commercial / industrial or technology center? Honestly—how many of us could even find such a place in or near our communities? Unless you work at such a business, it's not something we often think about – but it's an incredibly important part of our future.

Our county and our cities undeniably must attempt to offer all of the creature comforts previously mentioned in order for us to buy an affordable home, raise a family, enjoy recreational opportunities and ultimately retire in comfort. A question to ask is, if your son or daughter were to graduate this coming June from college or a trade school, would they be able to find meaningful employment here in Riverside County? Would they have to commute an hour or two to work? Might they even need to leave the state to find a good job? How many of us have friends or family who already spend hours each day commuting to LA, Orange or San Diego counties for work? Do we really want our largest export from Riverside County to be workers instead of products?

We certainly have some unique raw materials to work with as we chart a path for western Riverside County (Temecula Wine Country tourism, recreational attractions in Lake Elsinore, upscale homes in Canyon Lake, military and aerospace opportunities at March Air Reserve Base, Higher Education & R&D facilities in Riverside City, just to name just a few). I don't have a silver bullet to offer today, but I do know that our elected, business, educational, and community leaders need work across city and community boundaries to ensure Riverside County is and will remain a place to call home sweet home--for families and business owners alike.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries

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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.

Riverside Transit Agency *Jerry Sincich, Director*



What does your Board do?

The Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) board is comprised of 22 elected officials from 18 cities in western Riverside County and four members of the County Board of Supervisors. The diverse perspectives of the board members guide the activities and future initiatives of the RTA. The board members, whose interests include the expansion and continuous improvement of an efficient and effective transportation system, represent the transit interests of the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar and the unincorporated areas of Riverside County Supervisorial Districts I, II, III and IV.

Board members are committed to meeting the member community transportation needs in a cost-effective and efficient manner as well as providing safe, reliable, courteous, accessible, and user-friendly services. The board works to strengthen the planning, and wise investment of physical, economic and human resources of the RTA.

What interested you in serving on the Board?

As a person who has experienced firsthand the advantages and benefits of using public transportation as a youth going to school and later in life for business, vacation, and recreation trips, I understand the role and impact of transportation services on the quality of life of community residents. As our county grows, the need increases for a transportation agency that is committed to ensuring that its county residents have access to transportation for healthcare, employment, school, recreation, and daily living needs. In delivering these transportation services it is essential that they be provided in a safe, clean, reliable, on-time, courteous and cost-effective manner. Participating on the Riverside Transit Agency board is an opportunity for me to contribute to the growth and quality of life of our community residents.

You Have the Power to Donate Life

DonateLifeCalifornia.org/RiversideCounty



Join the Riverside County Challenge and sign up
today to become an organ, eye and tissue donor.






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.

Wee Tole-U-Sew

Mr. & Mrs. Cosma Stamis run a small, home-based embroidery business out of their Mead Valley home. Operating out of their home keeps their operating costs down and allows them the flexibility to work the hours they choose without the unwanted intrusions of the government. That ended in 2009, when the State and Federal governments passed along another unfunded mandate to the County of Riverside: The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System or NPDES. The Board of Supervisors, like so many other municipal governments, had to find a way to inspect every business that existed in their jurisdiction and investigate them for possible contaminated water run-off.

That led to the County's Business Registration process, wherein a business must register with the County, pay a fee, and then receive an inspection. The family complied, and a 2009 inspection showed them to be in compliance and not a threat to contaminate the waters of the United States.

However, as so often happens in large organizations, somewhere the process went awry and the Stamis family received a notice in 2013 that they were considered a High Priority Polluter, and required another inspection along with a sizable fee!

Cosma Stamis contacted Supervisor Jeffries' office and after a little research, and helpful cooperation from the Transportation and Land Management Agency's Environmental Compliance Division, the erroneous charges and need for repeated inspections was eliminated...permanently!

If you or someone you know operates a home-based business and have had a similar experience, or have had other difficulties with a county agency or regulation, our office wants to hear from you. Please contact us at 951-955-1010, and we will make sure someone helps you untangle the red tape.

7 Years Later....

For those who live in or pass through Mead Valley, the Midway Jr. Market has been a staple in the community, and one of the few places to shop in this "economically challenged" community. Shade Awad, the owner of the market, has always given back to the community via fundraisers and public functions.

Seven years ago, Shade looked to give back to the community yet again, by improving the market with a new façade, a new, safer parking lot and better street access in and out from the market, which would help the visual appearance of the market from the road, as well as make it safer. Unfortunately, that process got bogged down in a sea of county red tape, unexplained delays, and costly fees which amounted to over \$160,000.00 between all parties involved.

Frustrated and about to throw in the towel, Mr. Awad approached our office and asked for assistance to help him complete the approval process. Our office pulled together representatives of all the involved agencies to explain how this process had gotten so far off track, and with the leadership of the Director of the Transportation and Land Management Agency, a pathway to success was identified. On March 25th 2014, after seven years of waiting, the Midway Jr. Market was given its final approval at the Board of Supervisors, and the residents of Mead Valley will soon be able to enjoy a safer and more pleasant shopping experience.



Steele Peak Shooting Area Clean-Up this Saturday!

The Steele Peak Shooting Area in Good Hope is one of the last free, public shooting areas in the region. Unfortunately, irresponsible shooters and illegal dumpers have damaged and littered the area to the point where the Bureau of Land Management is considering closing the area. This Saturday, March 29th, from 8am until noon, Cal Guns has organized a volunteer clean-up day so that people can help restore the area and eliminate some of the hazards that have been left behind. This is not an official county sanctioned event, but we will be working with Cal Guns and other organizations in the future to help clean and maintain the area. If this area is closed, it will almost certainly result in more illegal shooting dispersed around the county in less safe environments, so Supervisor Jeffries supports efforts by responsible gun owners and other community members to keep this area safe, clean, and open.

Directions to the Shooting Area (from the BLM website): "There is a shooting location near the Steele Peak area of Meadowbrook/Perris north of Highway 74. Access to the area of Steele Peak is off the Santa Rosa Mine Road, off Christmas Tree Lane. As you go up Santa Rosa Mine Road, turn left onto Christmas Tree Lane, a narrow paved road that goes out to a Rod and Gun Club (privately owned). The Rod and Gun Club is on the left; as you drive out the road there will also be a large nursery on the right side of the road. Christmas Tree Lane goes out to a right-hand turn where the pavement ends. Before the right-hand turn, there is a dirt road which goes off to the left. Go up the hill to the shooting area, which you will see as you traverse the road. This shooting area is heavily used by a lot of people, so don't be surprised if someone is using it. Please be responsible with your targets and expended shells. Clean up after yourself and leave the area a little nicer than you found it!"

Link to the BLM website with information on Steele Peak and other shooting areas: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/Target_Shooting_and_Hunting_Information.html



K9 Veterans Day

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, as well as the four other Riverside County Board of Supervisors recently issued a proclamation to remind us all to remember K9 Veterans Day on March 13th 2014.

"Let us not forget the dogs and the service members who handled them in the fight to keep our great country free."

"Freedom is not Free"



Supervisor Kevin Jeffries spoke recently to residents of the Temescal Valley at their Town Hall meeting.

Non Profit Spotlight

DONATE LIFE

APRIL IS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

In celebration of April as National Donate Life Month, my colleagues and I on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors invite you to participate in Riverside County's Donate Life Challenge, taking place from April 1, 2014- April 30, 2015.

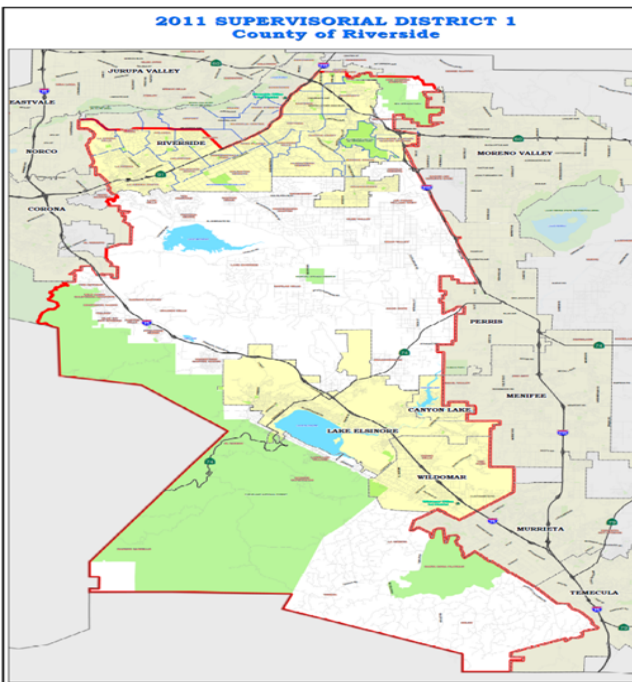
There are over 120,000 men, women and children currently waiting a lifesaving organ transplant and that over 20% of those waiting come from California. A single individual's organ donation can save up to eight lives and improve another 50 lives through tissue donation. With statistics like these, Riverside County wants to do our part by creating and encouraging a culture of organ donation awareness. In this yearlong challenge, we will be highlighting the extraordinary life-prolonging effect of organ donation through personal stories, statistics in our county, and by encouraging ALL residents to register as a donor through our county site: www.donatelifecalifornia.org/RiversideCounty to help raise awareness and save lives.

FACTS ABOUT ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONATION

- Californians make up about 18% of those nationwide waiting for an organ transplant.
- Of those now waiting, one out of three may die due to lack of life-saving organs.
- Organs and tissues are distributed fairly and equitably based on medical criteria only.
- Your medical care and/or funeral arrangements will not be affected by your decision to donate.
- Donation is at no cost to you or your family.
- People of all ages and medical histories can sign up to be a donor. Don't rule yourself out!



The Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry is the nonprofit, state-authorized organ, eye and tissue donor registry.



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

Riverside Small Business Fair and Resource Expo



Helping
Small
Businesses
Succeed

Brought to You by
Michelle Steel
Vice Chair, California State Board of Equalization
and
Supervisor Jeff Stone
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Wednesday
April 30, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
(check-in 8:30 a.m.)

Board of Supervisors Chambers
Riverside County Administration Center
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor
Riverside, CA 92501
Parking is \$8
This is a BOE-sponsored event

Topics:

- **Keynote Topic**—How To Expand Your Business with Government Contracting
- Basic Sales and Use Tax
- Forms of Ownership
- Better Business through Better Records
- Employee or Independent Contractor
- Loan Programs and Services

MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER SENIOR & ADULT TRIPS

FEBRUARY 18TH	8AM - 4PM	\$15.00
RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIR & NATIONAL DATE FESTIVAL		
MARCH 19TH	9AM - 4PM	\$15.00
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO MISSION		
APRIL 8TH	9AM - 4PM	\$16.00
CARLSBAD FLOWER FIELDS		
MAY 6TH	9AM - 4PM	\$40.00
SAN DIEGO PICNIC ON THE BAY CRUISE		

SPACE IS LIMITED

PRICE INCLUDES ADMISSION & TRANSPORTATION





ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (951) 210-1580

Meadowbrook/Goodhope Community Clean-Up

Saturday March 29, 2014
8am - 12pm

Drop-Off Location:
Vacant lot at
Highway 74 & Meadowbrook Ave



✓ Acceptable Items

- **Tires:** Per state law, please only transport 9 tires per trip. Please call Riverside County Waste Management Department for a waiver if needed.
- **Furniture:** Sofa beds, couches, tables, chairs, mattresses, box springs and patio furniture.
- **Large Appliances:** Washing machines, dryers, stoves/refrigerators, water heaters, air conditioners and dishwashers.
- **Tree Limbs and Branches:** Should not exceed 18 inches in diameter or 3 feet in length.
- **Electronic Waste (E-Waste):** Computers, monitors, printers, old televisions and other electronic devices with a plug or circuit board.
- **Other Items:** Bicycles, barbecues, swing sets, and small appliances.

✗ Unacceptable Items

- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Pesticides/Fertilizers
- Weed Killers/Herbicides
- Rodent Poisons
- Latex, Oil, or Water based Paint
- Batteries,
- Motor Parts
- Solvents/Gasoline
- Transmission/brake fluid
- Bleach/tub & Tile Cleaners
- Empty Drums
- Anti-Freeze
- Pool Chemicals
- Engines
- Motor oil and Other Hazardous Waste

Note: Does not include disposal of industrial, business, or household hazardous waste, building materials, or household trash. If you need additional information please contact Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200.



Special thanks to First District
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries





WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS

April 12, 2014



Sponsor the Walk to End Homelessness Event

The goal of this event is to bring awareness of homeless programs offered in the City and raise \$30,000 for the proposed laundry and shower facility at the Riverside Homeless Service Campus on Hulen Place. Participants will tour the homeless service campus and meet homeless service providers.

For information about sponsorship visit
EndHomeless.info





**COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP
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ATTENTION:

CLAIM

→ YOUR TAX DOLLAR\$ ←

BY APRIL 15

Have You Claimed The Earned Income Tax Credit?
You can get up to **\$6,044** if you worked in 2013. This is your money, you earned it, now claim it!

FREE Tax Preparation for individuals or families that earned under \$52,000 in 2013.

To find the FREE Tax Preparation Site Near Your Home:
Dial 2-1-1 (available 24/7 to Riverside County) or 1-800-511-1110
Visit www.CAPRiverside.org for full site listings

Who qualifies for the Earned Income Tax Credit?

If you worked in 2013 and made less than \$51,567, you may qualify.

# of dependents	Single or head of household workers with income less than:	Married Filing Jointly workers with income less than:	Maximum Credit (up to)
0	\$14,340	\$19,680	\$487
1	\$37,870	\$43,210	\$3,250
2	\$43,038	\$48,378	\$5,372
3 or more	\$46,227	\$51,567	\$6,044

myfree taxes.com If you make less than \$58,000, you may file remotely for FREE by visiting MyFreeTaxes.com/CAPRiverside

About FREE Tax Preparation:
- Taxes are prepared by IRS certified volunteers
- E-File is available, when used, you can expect your refund in 10 days!
- CAP Riverside has prepared over 17,000 returns since 2005

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING FOR FREE TAX PREP?

- 1 IDENTIFICATION**
 - Photo ID
 - FOR ALL PERSONS ON TAX RETURN:**
 - Birthdate
 - Social Security Card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) card or letter
- 2 EDUCATION CREDITS & ADJUSTMENTS**
 - Receipts for out-of-pocket K-12 Teacher educational expenses (including school supplies)
 - Tuition expenses for university, college, or technical college (Form 1098-T)
 - Interest statement for student loans (Form 1098-E)
- 3 ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS**
 - Charitable Donations
 - Medical Expenses
 - Mortgage Interest (Form 1098)
- 4 INCOME**
 - Income Statements or W-2s for each job
 - All 1099 forms received
 - Year-end Income for Unemployment, Veteran's benefits, workers compensation, State Disability, SSI
- 5 CHILD CREDITS**
 - Child Care Expenses: Provider name, address, Tax ID or Social Security Number
- 6 PROPERTY TAXES**
 - Homeowner statements: mortgage interest statement (Form 1098), Statement of Property Tax Payable in 2014
 - Renter Statements (Landlord Details)
- 7 ADDITIONAL**
 - Previous Year Tax Return
 - Direct Deposit information: voided check or routing and account number

FREE Tax Preparation Locations (Sites Close 4/15):

- Banning Senior Center**
769 N San Geronimo Avenue
Banning, CA 92220
Wednesday (9AM-12PM)
- Beaumont Senior Center**
1310 Oak Valley Parkway
Beaumont, CA 92223
Call for Appointment
951-769-8539
- Blythe Senior Center**
201 E. Hobson Way
Blythe, CA 92225
Call for Appointment
760-921-5080
- Center for Employment Training**
49-111 Highway 111
Coachella, CA 92236
Friday (4PM-8PM)
Saturday (10AM-4PM)
- DHS Family Resource Center**
14201 Palm Drive Suite 205
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240
Call for Appointment
760-288-3313
- Martha's Village & Kitchen**
83-791 Date Avenue
Indio, CA 92201
Call for Appointment
760-347-4741 ext. 310
- Glen Avon Library**
9244 Galena Street
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509
Wednesday (3PM-5PM)
Thursday 4/3 & 4/10 (10AM-2PM)
- Rubidoux Library**
5840 Mission Blvd
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509
Thursdays- VIRTUAL (2PM-4PM)
Saturday 3/22 & 4/5 (10AM-2PM)
Saturday 3/29 & 4/12 (2PM-6PM)
- Lake Elsinore Senior Center**
420 E Lakeshore Dr
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Call for Appointment
951-674-2526
- Mecca Family & Farm Workers Service Center**
91-275 Ave 66, Suite 100
Mecca, CA 92254
Monday-Friday - VIRTUAL (8AM-4PM)
- Moreno Valley College**
16130 Lasselle Street (Lions Den)
Moreno Valley, CA 92551
Saturday (8:30AM-2:30PM)
- Norco College**
2001 Third Street (RM IT 202)
Norco, CA 92860
Saturday (8:30AM-12:30PM)
- Mead Valley Community Center**
21091 Rider St
Perris, CA 92570
Call for Appointment
951-210-1580
- Perris Family Resource**
371 Wilkerson Ave
Perris, CA 92570
Mondays & Fridays (2PM-4PM)
- CAP Riverside**
2038 Iowa Ave Suite B102
Riverside, CA 92507
Monday-Friday- Virtual (8AM-5PM)
- Casa Blanca Library**
2985 Madison St
Riverside, CA 92504
Friday & Saturday (10AM-2PM)
- Cesar Chavez Center**
2060 University Ave
Riverside, CA 92507
Tuesday-Thursday (3:30PM-6:30PM)
- Highgrove Library**
530 Center St
Riverside, CA 92507
Friday (12PM-4PM)
Saturday (10AM-2PM)
- Islamic Center of Riverside**
1038 W Linden Ave
Riverside, CA 92507
Friday (5PM-8:30PM)
- Riverside City College**
4800 Magnolia Ave (RM BUS ED 104)
Riverside, CA 92506
Saturday (9AM-3PM)
- Mt San Jacinto College**
1499 N State Street (Bldg 100, RM 109)
San Jacinto, CA 92583
Saturday (10AM-2PM) - Closed 3/29

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951-955-4900 | 951-955-5111 (Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM)
951-955-8506 FAX | 951-955-5126 TTY

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