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Kevin's Corner

If you have been following the news (or watching some of our very long Board meetings online) you may have noticed that we have been tackling some challenging issues in our region. Here is a quick summary of some of what we are working on:

Lawsuits—Last fiscal year our County paid out a reported \$20.9 million in lawsuit settlements. Our office is working on a proposal that would increase accountability and transparency in these settlements, and implement a process to help reduce these sorts of judgments and settlements in the future by identifying opportunities to increase training or change improper policies that leave the County (read “taxpayers”) vulnerable to litigation. Our proposal will come back to the Board in October.

Warehouses—I reported a few months ago that we were proposing a change in the “fast-tracking” of proposed warehouse projects that reach or exceed 250,000 square feet in size. My fellow board members agreed with me - except in very special circumstances these mega-building proposals will now be required to go to the Planning Commission to have their traffic, air quality, noise, and visual impacts studied in a public forum before coming to the Board of Supervisors, starting immediately.

Commercial Marijuana Groves—With literally hundreds of marijuana groves in the First District alone, our office has taken the lead on preventing (and restoring) residential neighborhoods from being converted into illegal commercial marijuana growing operations. Even with increasing reports of gang-style shootings (one murder), attempted armed hijacking of a loaded cargo van (one shot), and now reports of armed camouflaged competitors stealing the crops at gun point – this effort has unfortunately proven to be very difficult. Gangs and cartels are attempting to hide behind the legitimate mom & pop medical marijuana needs, thereby making prosecution difficult (and confusing because of different interpretations of California law). We are hopeful that our ordinance will be back before the Board in November.

Parks & Community Centers—A common theme of mine has been that our County cannot become a place inhabited solely by warehouses, jails, and parking lots (aka: freeways). I have pushed to restore some of the funding that was cut from parks and community centers during the recession, and we have also shifted park operations from the Economic Development Agency to the County Parks & Open Space District.

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Animal Control Service—While rural, unincorporated communities will seldom realize the level of public services that city residents enjoy, many of our neighborhoods have been plagued with animal issues and poor response times from the county when there is a problem. We are looking at a variety of solutions, including pushing to add weekend staffing to Animal Services, but in the short term, three new officers have been added to the county budget, including one who is supposed to be assigned to the 1st District.

Helicopter—Recently, one of our Sheriff Department helicopters was involved in a crash landing, with the likelihood that helicopter must be replaced. Our goal is to replace the helicopter with a multipurpose helicopter that can also be used for emergency water-dropping during wildfires and to rescue and transport injured individuals with an over-the-side hoist system.

Road Paving—Our office is working to make an inventory of the rural dirt roads most in need of paving, chipping, or simply re-grading to improve emergency access and quality of life for residents. Our needs far exceed current levels of funding, so we are simultaneously asking County Transportation staff to “triage” our road list and prioritize the most critical needs first, while also searching for new sources of revenues to help expand the number of roads we can improve each year.

Job Creation—We are working with the Planning Department to streamline permits for those who wish to open or expand their businesses, and trying to create new business friendly corridors along a few major roads in several communities. If we want reduce the number of commuters stuck on our freeways everyday – we need to eliminate some of the barriers to job creation that disadvantage family businesses and other small employers that don’t have the resources of the larger industrial projects to navigate the county bureaucracy.

There are dozens of other items we are working on throughout the First District that are discussed weekly in our staff meetings, and in our briefings with various county agencies, but I hope this gives you a flavor of what we are trying to accomplish and how we are trying to improve the lives of our residents in Western Riverside County.

Sincerely,

Kevin



Supervisor Kevin Jeffries swears in Riverside County Youth Commissioners for 2014-2015

Riverside & San Bernardino County Supervisors hold joint meeting in Riverside.



Good Hope Sidewalk Groundbreaking

On September 19th 2014 Supervisor Jeffries was on hand for a ground breaking ceremony along with PEUSD School Board members Monica Martin, Virniecia Green-Jordan, Superintendent Vince Ponce, and Principal Allyson Mallory, the driving force behind this ambitious sidewalk project to benefit the community.

Joining Supervisor Jeffries at the event was Dennis Acuna (TRANS), Sterlon Sims (EDA), Marsie Huling (SRTS), Thomas Ketcham, and local residents, as well as Kim Trone who helped start the project under previous Supervisor Bob Buster.

Along with the sidewalks, two new crosswalks will be installed, as well as a new bus turn out lane on Theda St. and a stop sign at the intersection of Ellis and Marshall streets.



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.

Pumpkin Patch needs assistance....

Meg Christensen, a Lake Mathews resident and small business owner, contacted the Office of Supervisor Jeffries in need of some assistance in obtaining her conditional use permit to operate an annual pumpkin patch. Ms. Christensen was receiving conflicting information from the Fire Marshall's office, but with the help of the supervisor's office she was finally able to obtain sign off on September 10th.



We are glad to help small businesses that are the backbone of the County.

Adult Services provides much needed assistance

My office received a phone call from a constituent in the 1st District who had recently undergone surgery and was in need of some equipment to aid in her recovery and allow her better mobility. My staff paid a visit to the constituent and determined that she did not have a bed and was in need of a walker, a scooter, and an emergency-only mobile phone in the event she fell. It was also determined that she needed someone to assist her a few hours a month to help her with errands and take her to doctors' appointments, since her family does not live nearby.

With the assistance of the Adult Services Division of the Department of Public Social Services, we were able to locate a bed and walker through the County's "Faith in Motion" partnership with the faith-based community, and also found someone willing to help the constituent with her errands until her eligibility for In-Home Supportive Services is determined. A social worker with the Adult Services Division is also working with her to see if she can obtain a scooter through Medicare. Office on Aging has also provided her with a 911 Senior Emergency Cell Phone. The constituent is very grateful for the assistance she has received from our office, the Department of Public Social Services and Office on Aging.

Small Business Spotlight

MIDWAY JR. MARKET - MEAD VALLEY

Midway Jr. Market is a small grocery store in Mead Valley. We have a dedicated staff which strives to make your shopping experience enjoyable. Midway Jr. Market offers a full line of Meat, Chicken, Fish, Produce, Groceries, Sundries, Wine and Spirits, Phone Cards, Propane, Feed, and more!

Shade Awad - Owner, Midway Jr. Market

What encouraged you to start your business?

My father, better known to the community as Jack, instilled in me a good work ethic, honesty, and the willingness to sacrifice. I started in 1998 with my first business, a small 99 Cents Store in San Bernardino. My brother would help me on the weekends, and with the support of my wife and 3 children, I am blessed to say that I haven't looked back since.

How do you contribute to the community?

Providing to Autism Awareness with the Riverside Matrix, Toy drives during Christmas with different family service organizations, and of course our Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway for families that are in need. We are also pleased to help out with the annual Breakfast with Santa in conjunction with the Riverside County First District Supervisor, and being able to provide on a daily basis is our responsibility to the customers and community.



"Jack" Awad and Monica @ Midway Jr. Market



Fresh fruits, meats and more all at Midway!

Non Profit Spotlight

THE ARC—RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The Arc of Riverside County is a private, non-profit corporation serving adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, a population typically underserved, overlooked and devalued by society. These are among the many reasons we take pride in providing much-needed services for these individuals; services including day services, vocational and job training, life skills training, job placement, advocacy and more.



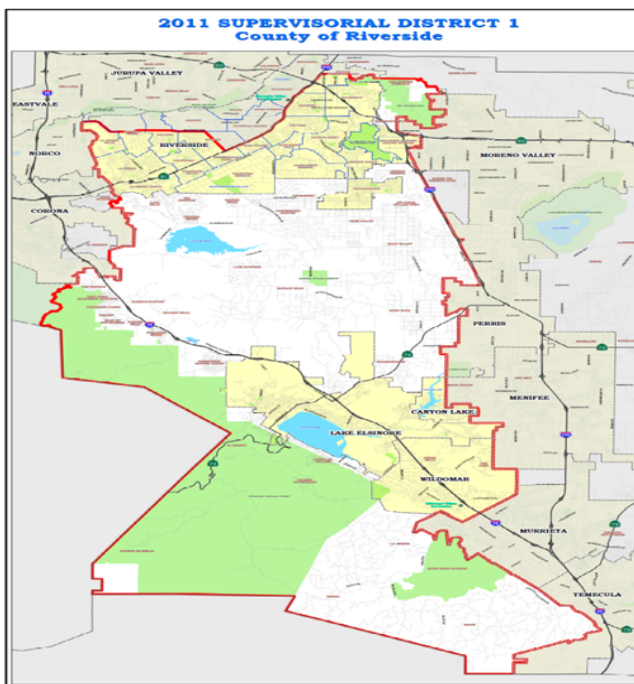
The Arc operates six (6) facilities in Western Riverside County providing services for those in need of full-time programming to ensure the development and maintenance of functional skills required for self-advocacy, community integration and self-care. Over the years, The Arc has significantly increased the quality of life for the individuals we serve.

Since 1953, The Arc has been and continues to be committed to securing for all individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, in partnership with their families, legal guardians or conservators the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work and play.

The Arc is further committed to reducing the incidence and limiting the consequence of intellectual and other developmental disabilities through education, research, advocacy and the support of families, friends and the community.

For further information, visit their website at:

<http://arcriversideca.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, Tenaja, and DeLuz

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Contact for info: Joanne Daigle - 951-712-7291 • Bill Daigle - 951-943-2560
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Riverside County Social Services for Foster Youth

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IV annual

**Saturday,
October 11, 2014
11:00 a.m-4:00 p.m.**

- Movie-quality costumers from the 501st, Rebel Legion and Mandalorian Mercs Star Wars costuming groups
- Star Wars-themed Arts & Crafts
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- Star Wars Book Readings
- Star Wars Costume Contest
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- Terminator robots, R2D2, robot monsters, singing Robot Betty IX
- DevaBot the robotic Deva tribute band
- Demonstrations include: Sumobot competitions, line following robot, artificial intelligence, a humanoid robotic arm, robot vision, 3D printers and more!

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Riverside, CA 92504
951-789-7324
www.rivlib.net

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21675 MARTIN STREET
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