

**SUPERVISOR  
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RIVERSIDE  
COUNTY  
DISTRICT #1**



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# Jeffries Journal

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## Kevin's Corner

At the end of this month I will have served three (3) years as your First District Supervisor. With roughly 450,000 residents in the First District and nearly 115,000 of those residents living outside of city boundaries - it has once again been a busy year for the First District office. Some quick highlights of 2015 accomplishments and efforts include:

1. Creation of the Temescal Valley Road Improvement Program, with partial funding coming from the El Sobrante Landfill.
2. Redirected and restored partial funding to Vector Control services to help fight the spread of West Nile Virus (and others).
3. Advocated for and provided Live Video Access to County Commissions and Boards, including Planning Commission and Riverside County Transportation Commission, so the public could have more convenient access to their government.
4. Major Improvements to the Park at the Moses-Schaffer Community Center in Good Hope.
5. Established the Mead Valley Community Revitalization Initiative so that a portion of local tax revenues will be captured and re-invested back into the growing community.
6. Requiring on site postings of public notices for large development projects, to better inform the neighbors of proposed projects.
7. Purchased a former elementary school to be used as a future community center in Lakeland Village.
8. Creation of the multi-agency Flood Task Force to prepare for El Nino.
9. Worked with two local water districts and the State to bring a safe and reliable water supply to a poor community whose water company had failed between Menifee and Wildomar.

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10. Worked with Assemblywoman Melendez to pass legislation allowing the County to eventually take over management of the portion of State Hwy 74 between Perris and Lake Elsinore.
11. Passed a new Marijuana Ordinance that protects legitimate small scale medical marijuana growers while cracking down on large illegal commercial grow operations in neighborhoods.
12. Continued emphasis and funding to pave rural roads so that emergency vehicles have year round all-weather access into our growing rural communities.
13. Supported external audits to insure that our tax dollars are being efficiently spent to meet the growing budget demands of public safety services.
14. Working with the City of Riverside and County Parks to enhance public access to Trails, and continued advocacy for the proposed Butterfield Trail from Corona to Lake Elsinore.

*Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays to All,  
Kevin Jeffries*

### **2015 Latino Network Leadership Institute Ceremony, November 5, 2015**

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors are pleased to be a sponsor of the Latino Network Leadership Institute. Araceli Ruiz, Board Assistant for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, attended the 2015 Latino Network Leadership Institute Ceremony and provided a joint Certificate of Recognition to the students, on behalf of Supervisors Kevin Jeffries (1<sup>st</sup> District) and John Tavaglione (2<sup>nd</sup> District).

The Riverside Latino Network is committed to serving the youth and providing educational opportunities for their success. The no-cost Leadership Institute has been educating Latino high school juniors and seniors on how to engage with their communities, since 2007. There were 25 students that participated this year in this month-long Program. The participants are student from nine Riverside and Alvord high schools. The students were exposed each week to a different community leader, which they could relate to. At the Leadership Institute Ceremony, each student provided a brief reflection of what they had learned from each speaker. The students received several Certificates of Recognition from several Government Offices including a joint certificate from County Board of Supervisors Kevin Jeffries (1<sup>st</sup> District) and John Tavaglione (2<sup>nd</sup> District).



Members of the Latino Network Board of Directors with students.



Local students who participated in the 2015 Leadership program

### Riverside County Mexican American Historical Society’s “The Brotherhood of Veterans” event on November 5, 2015

District 1 participated in The Brotherhood of Veterans event organized by the Riverside County Mexican American Historical Society to honor Veterans from all branches of the United States Military. A video was shown recognizing the four City of Riverside Medal of Honor recipients, Staff Sergeant Salvador Lara (WWII), Staff Sergeant Ysmael Villegas (WWII), Sergeant Jesus Duran (Vietnam War), and Sergeant Andrew Melendrez (WWII).



Veterans presenting the colors at opening ceremonies.



Members of the Melendrez Family were on hand as well.

### Butterfield School Gets Cleaned Up! Community Center coming soon...

On Saturday November 21st, over 50 volunteers descended on the old Butterfield Elementary School to assist with clean up of the future Lakeland Village Community Center.

Everyone got into the act too! 1st District Youth Advisory Council members, Parks, and District 1 staff as well as the local firefighters from Station 11 were on hand to help community members pull carpet, paint walls, clean windows and tear down cabinets with Supervisor Kevin Jeffries and his family.

Truly a great time was had by all! Another clean up event will be coming soon. If you're interested in volunteering stay tuned to our website and Facebook for the upcoming date and time.



## 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.*

### Thanksgiving comes to 1st District.....

Over 400 + turkeys which were purchased with CID funds were handed out by our staff to a host of non profits such as The Concerned Family, Janet Goeske Center, HOPE, and Whiteside Manor, which were in turn all distributed to residents of the first District for senior lunches, turkey give-a-ways, and holiday dinners. Special thanks go out to Dr. Javier Rios (Clinica Medica Familiar), who also donated 20 gift certificates for turkeys, and to the Mead Valley Family Resource Center for coordinating the distribution to the community.

In Good Hope, our District 1 team collaborated with teachers from Good Hope Elementary who donated gift bags with all the trimmings to go along with the turkeys. Big thanks to all the staff at Good Hope Elementary for their assistance with the distribution and assistance for the community.



Good Hope Elementary School



Turkeys awaiting distribution



Mead Valley resident picking up his goodies

### Road Paving Continues.....

With a recent allocation of over \$200,000 from District 1 CID funds, County Transportation was able to get Hunter Road on track for it's much needed pavement process. Work began quickly with grading and is scheduled to be completed by the end of December. This portion of Hunter Rd. is between the streets of Alexander and Una. Residents were overjoyed to hear the news of the paving project and look forward to no longer having to drive on the dirt and sometimes muddy road.



## County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile



### Riverside County Flood Control Commissioner

**Serena Burnett**

#### **What does your commission do?**

Riverside County Flood Control holds a public hearing early each year where the Flood Control Commissioners receive requests from the public and from representatives of various cities in Riverside County for flood control and water conservation projects. New requests are presented and discussed and we are updated on the progress of projects already within the budget. The Commission requests Flood Control staff to research, review and cost out any new projects that the commission feels would be beneficial to add to the budget. Approximately three months later a meeting is held where a detailed review of the entire Flood Control budget occurs. After that meeting, the budget is presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Another one of our Commission jobs is to take input from residents within our zones about flood issues they may know about or be experiencing, so we can pass this information on to Flood Control staff. Supervisor Jeffries recently held a special meeting with his appointed Commissioners requesting that we actively seek input from residents to better prepare for the upcoming El Nino storm season. I am attending local association meetings to let residents know the process and how to contact me.

#### **What interested you in serving on the commission?**

1993 El Nino Flooding directly impacted my family, home and property when 7 square miles of drainage from the local hills ended up on our property. Large trees were falling because the ground was so saturated. Rushing water and sediment ran through the property, threatening our home, animals and carving new pathways on our land. This scary experience of many sleepless nights sandbagging to protect ourselves along with the help of emergency County crews brought awareness of flooding issues to a much more personal level. In researching how to deal with and alleviate the problem, I met with my geologist brother, Flood Control, the supervisor and other County officials to determine what the issue was and where the flood waters originated. I was told about the process of presenting a flooding issue at the yearly public hearing and showed up with the photos and stories of the dangers created by the flood waters in our neighborhood. Many homes in our area were impacted as the flooding and sediment made deep pathways through several properties upstream. Within about a year, one of the Flood Control commissioners resigned and I was asked by the supervisor to join the commission. My own experience had peaked my interest in helping others through this process and I've worked to support this process over my 20+ years on the Commission.

## Non-Profit of the Month

# Voices For Children, Riverside County

Voices for Children transforms the lives of abused children by providing them with volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). Every child deserves a safe and permanent home, and to that end, Voices for Children reviews and monitors every court file in the system, with the goal of providing a CASA to every child in the foster care system who needs one, and advocating to improve the lives of foster children. The CASA's role is to consider what is in the child's best interest and to make sure that each child's individual needs are met.

In addition, Voices for Children increases awareness about the foster care system, and advocates for legal policies and practices that enhance the quality of life for foster children.

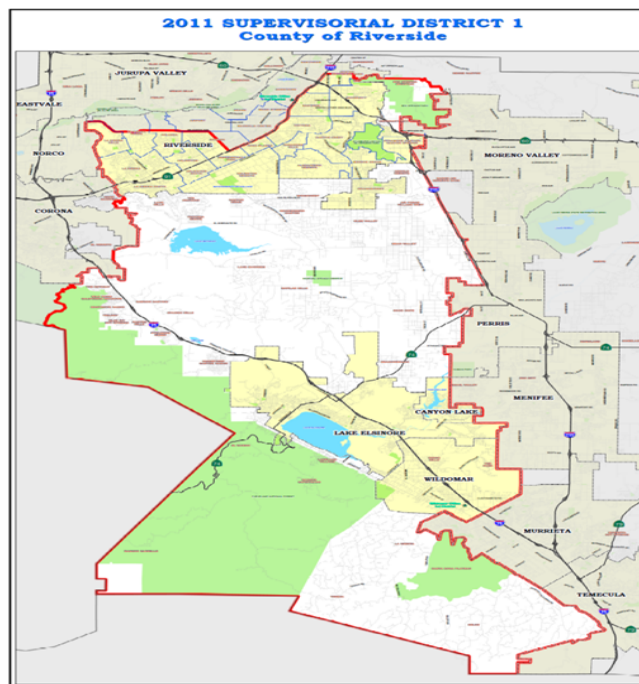
For more information on becoming a CASA, contact Voices for Children at (951) 472-9300 or visit their website at <https://www.speakupnow.org/volunteer-2/>.

A CHILD HEARD.



VOICES  
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CHILDREN

A LIFE CHANGED.



### 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, Spring Hills, Warm Springs and DeLuz*

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



# JOB FAIR!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

8:00AM to 1:00PM

BEN CLARK PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

16791 Davis Ave., Riverside, CA 92518



Written Exams and Physical Agility Tests (PAT) for Deputy Sheriff and Correctional Deputy will be administered. Exams for 9-1-1 Communications Officer will also be administered.

Presentations regarding other available positions and the application process will occur every hour from 8:00AM to 12:00PM.

Due to limited seating for presentations and testing, applicants are encouraged to schedule an appointment ahead of time.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at 1-888-Join-RSD or email at HRSheriffRecruiter@rc-hrc.com

Walk-ins are welcome based on availability.



JoinRSD.org

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 19, 2015  
8am - 12pm

Moses-Schaffer Community Center  
21565 Steel Peak Drive  
Perris, CA 92570

Enjoy Breakfast with Santa, then experience games, activities and surprises!



Free Admission!



Call (951) 943-9126 for more information.



## The Riverside County Board of Supervisors Cordially Invites You To A Holiday Open House & Toy Drive

Riverside County Administrative Center, 5th Floor  
4080 Lemon Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

December 14, 2015  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Desserts & Refreshments will be provided

Immediately Following - Please join the Supervisors as they attend the Riverside County Sheriffs Annual Holiday Blue Light Ceremony on the First Floor at the County Administrative Center at 6pm. The Ceremony honors all Riverside County officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

We are joining with Riverside County Fire Department in supporting the Spark of Love Toy Drive at our reception. It is not a requirement for admission, but if you are able, please bring a new unwrapped toy or sports equipment for underprivileged children in our region. If you are unable to attend the reception, donations are accepted at all CDF/Riverside County Fire stations.



# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 12, 2015  
8am - 12pm

Charles-Meigs Community Center  
21091 Rider Street  
Mead Valley, CA 92570

Enjoy Breakfast with Santa, then experience games, activities and surprises!



Free Admission!



Call (951) 210-1580 for more information.



# District 1 Holiday Events

Wed, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 4- 6pm  
**District 1 Holiday Reception**  
 Santa Rosa Plateau Visitors Center (39400 Clinton Keith Rd, Murrieta)

Thurs, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 6- 8pm  
**Cookies with Santa**  
 Lakeland Village School (18730 Grand Ave, Lakeland Village)

Sat, December 5<sup>th</sup> 10am- 2pm  
**Winter Festival**  
 Deleo Sports Park (25655 Santiago Canyon Road, Temescal Valley)

Thurs, December 10<sup>th</sup> 3- 5pm  
**Cookies with Santa**  
 Woodcrest Library (16625 Krameria, Woodcrest)

Sat, December 12<sup>th</sup> 8am- Noon  
**Breakfast with Santa**  
 Charles G. Meigs Community Center (21091 Rider Street, Mead Valley)

Mon, December 14<sup>th</sup> 4- 6pm  
**County Board of Supervisors' Joint Holiday Reception**  
 County Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor (4080 Lemon, Riverside)

Sat, December 19<sup>th</sup> 8am- Noon  
**Breakfast with Santa**  
 Good Hope Community Center (21565 Steele Peak Drive, Good Hope)

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