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COUNTY  
DISTRICT #1**



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# Jeffries Journal

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## Kevin's Corner

**"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing"**

In one of the poorest rural communities that I represent, we have reports of an individual driving around in a beautiful Porsche, stopping at dozens of large lot homes, offering the occupants \$5000 a month if they would allow the individual to grow a large crop of marijuana in their backyard. This is often followed with phone calls to our office from the confused homeowners, because they are being told it is perfectly legal. Not far from these homes is an unpermitted dispensary (none are permitted in unincorporated Riverside County) that is reportedly illegally selling marijuana and candies laced with oil that comes from marijuana. And not far from that dispensary is a public school where officials have discovered school children eating those laced candies. So what is being done?

Well to show what is possible, a year or so ago a multi-agency team of officers, agents, and investigators organized a Strike Team to launch a surprise raid and take down some individuals suspected of operating illegally in Riverside County. I was not privy to the operation, but I'm told that when the large team descended upon the unsuspecting individuals - it was conducted swiftly, efficiently and that it quickly overwhelmed the suspected violators and a lot of evidence was seized. So who or what did the Strike Team take down? It was an unauthorized taco stand.

So where is a Strike Team to take down the dispensary or the distributor selling the marijuana laced candy ending up in the hands (and mouths) of kids? Answer – NOWHERE

What we are told, is that the laws and court decisions regarding marijuana in California are so confusing or flat-out screwed up that law enforcement and regulatory agencies are hesitant to even investigate marijuana related violations. They just throw up their hands and tell my office they either can't touch it or it will take months to obtain court orders that authorize the county to pursue more court orders, most of which are ignored by the commercial growers and sellers of marijuana. While I refuse to believe that the hands of our "Good Men" (& women) have been so completely tied up that they cannot act to protect kids and communities (it IS still a felony in California to sell more than an ounce of marijuana), it is clear that the state and federal governments need to provide some clearer rules about what is and is not permitted under the guise of medical marijuana laws.

While our State government waits to get its act together, our office has been working with many in the medicinal marijuana community, and I know many of the advocates who support medical marijuana for individuals with true medical needs would also strongly criticize the abuses I pointed out above. They recognize that these "drug dealers" and organized crime networks are giving all the medicinal advocates a black eye with their illegal dealings. This is one reason why we are still working on a new County ordinance that will clarify what is permissible for medical marijuana patients or their caregivers to grow for personal use within the county, while increasing penalties for those who are using the medical marijuana laws as cover for their shady operations. Once the legislature, courts and enforcement agencies finally agree to act, perhaps we could actually seize something a little more dangerous than 45 pounds of bootleg carne asada.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries

PS. More court hearings are happening this week. I'll let you know next month whether we have succeeded in closing the illegal dispensary yet.

## 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.*

### ***El Sobrante Oversight Committee***

*Rob Mucha, Commissioner*

#### **What does your Board do?**

The El Sobrante landfill is the only landfill in Riverside County owned and operated by a private company, Waste Management, INC. The Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) is a Board of Supervisors' appointed committee that reviews the landfill project and provides feedback to WMI and the various oversight agencies as they relate to State requirements, County contractual obligations, and promises to neighboring communities. The Committee is comprised of five persons, three from District I and two from District II. We review the annual report submitted to the Board, project progress, approve funding for local cleanup projects (out of an allocated pool of funds), and provide a forum for community feedback.



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

Over the last several years I've had the opportunity to become more involved in the community and have really enjoyed it. I've also had a strong interest in learning more about our local businesses. My interest in the landfill grew after an interesting tour of its operations and testing and I thought my experience in government contract management and community involvement would be a good fit for the commission. I'm thankful to be a part of such a great team and take pride in our efforts to minimize impact to the community.



# You Have the Power to Donate Life

[DonateLifeCalifornia.org/RiversideCounty](http://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.*

### New CNG Gas Station Opening Soon!

A brand new Clean Natural Gas (CNG) station will be opening soon. Located at the corner of Cajalco and Harvill just behind the ARCO AM/PM is where the new clean energy station will operate. The arrival of yet another business to the Mead Valley community will mean more jobs for the area as well as a clean alternative to fuel up for those driving CNG cars and trucks.

Clean Energy, in conjunction with ARCO AM/PM, was able to work with all county staff as well as the office of District one to facilitate a speedy and hassle free approval process.



### Small Business Owner Saved From Overbilling Error....

Anderson Professional Services is an accounting office in the heart of Lakeland Village. The business provides accounting services to residents, businesses and non-profits throughout the region. As with most small business owners, Kris Anderson pays her taxes, employs people and provides professional services to her clients from her stand-alone building on the corner of Grand Avenue and Perret Blvd. Immersed in the middle of tax season, Kris received an invoice from the County Department of Building & Safety for \$444.00 to cover her Storm Water Compliance Certificate and Inspection. Recognizing that an accounting office does not generate the need for such an inspection or fee, Ms. Anderson reached out to the Supervisors' office.

After contacting the Department of Building & Safety it was determined that a recently purchased software upgrade had deleted the category of "non-impact" from the County's data base. This minor oversight resulted in the invoice generation and inspection request. Building & Safety is now pro-actively addressing these errors to avoid a repeat occurrence and Kris Anderson and her staff are back doing what they do best, helping people complete their taxes before April 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you need help with a County related issue or Department please don't hesitate to reach out to us and let us help you.





Chief John Hawkins speaks to over 150 residents at the Temescal Valley Town Hall.

Many county departments were on hand to answer questions from the community and share information

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries was pleased to be able to provide such a venue for the residents of District #1.

Thanks go out to all of the county departments who participated and a special thank you to Rob Field from EDA for emceeding the event.

## Meadowbrook/Goodhope Community Clean-Up

Saturday March 28, 2015  
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.  
Alternative formats available upon request.



Riverside County  
Waste Management Department



Recently Supervisor Kevin Jeffries called an “All Hands” meeting with several county departments and stakeholders. Present were representatives from EMWD Board of Directors, TLMA, Code Enforcement, Environmental Health, Building and Safety, Planning, and EDA.

It was a great opportunity for everyone to begin the process on how we can begin to improve the Club Drive area of Good Hope, which for years has had to deal with trenching for their own water, unpaved unsafe roads, illegal dumping, as well as marijuana grows in residents front yards.



# Non Profit Spotlight

## League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

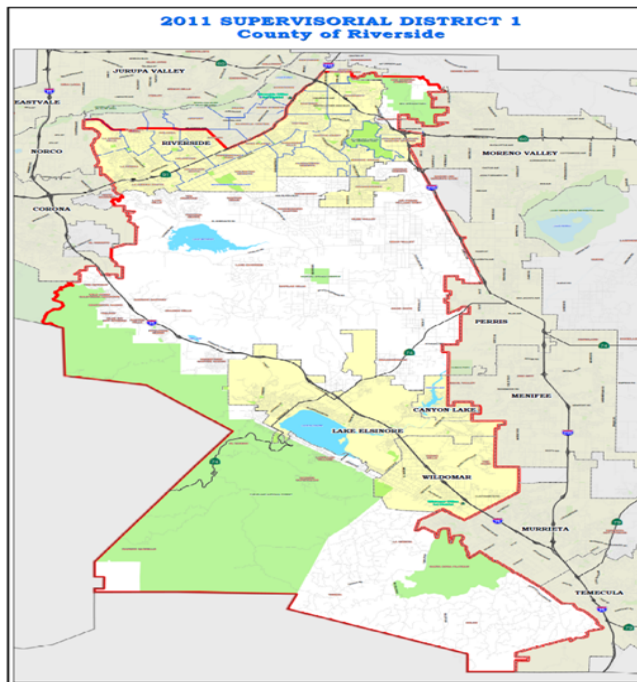
League of United Latin American Citizens of Riverside Council,  
No. 3190 (LULAC)

The League of United Latin American Citizens is the largest and oldest Hispanic organization in the United States. The mission of LULAC is to advance the economic conditions, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 900 LULAC councils nationwide. The organization involves and serves all Hispanic nationality groups.



LULAC Riverside, No. 3190 was established in 2010 to enhance the Riverside community through health fairs, civic engagement and community building events. In 2011, LULAC Riverside hosted their first annual health fair/dental clinic on the campus of Riverside Community College. The event has been greatly expanded since that time and now includes community partners such as the Tzu Chi Foundation, The Flying Doctors, the Lions Club "Friends In Sight" program, Riverside Community College School of Cosmetology, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, local dentists and doctors, as well as many community volunteers who provide medical consultations, dental services, mammograms, acupuncture, vision screenings, blood pressure screenings, diabetes screenings, mental health education, haircuts and other community resources. All services were provided free of charge.

For more information about LULAC Riverside, No. 3190, visit: <http://lulacofriverside.com/>



## 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*



## Deleto Regional Sports Park

# Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 28, 2015**  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



**Egg Hunt**



**Face Painters**



**Arts and Crafts**



**Games**



**Bounce Houses**



**Easter Bunny**



**Food Vendors**

Egg Hunts by Age Groups  
0-4, 5-8 and 8-13

Bring your camera to take pictures with the Bunny

Bring your Own Basket!!

**Deleto Regional Sports Park**  
25655 Santiago Canyon Rd. Corona, CA 92883

For More Information Please Call  
**(951) 210-1580**

## Mead Valley Spring Eggstravaganza & Community Market

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015**  
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Bring a camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny



**Bounce Houses**



**Vendors**



**Face Painters**



**Crafts**



**Egg Hunt**



**Games**



**Charles Meigs Community Center**  
21091 Rider St. Perris, CA 92570

For more information Call: **(951) 210-1580**

## Art for the Animals

Fundraiser to benefit Riverside County homeless pets

# Live Art Auction

March 29, 2015



Thunder Heads Over Red Rock - Kelly Vela

## At the Riverside Art Museum

3425 Mission Inn Ave. Riverside, 92501

Join us for an enchanting evening of art, music, and food.



*Man and friend - Jamie Perry*

Art for the Animals is a fundraiser to benefit shelter animals in Riverside County. Every year, thousands of animals come into Riverside County/City shelters in need of special care.

This year's auction will feature art by **dos velas images**, presenting the nature photography of **Gilbert and Kelly Vela**.



*Dog Robot - Jim Behrman*

Catering by McGrath's, wine and beer offered by Chris Kern PASO's Best Wines.

4pm to 7pm

Book signing by **Teresa Rhyne**, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and international best selling author of *The Dog Lived (and So Will I)*



\*All artwork pictured is available in the auction.

# 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  
OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY**



**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](http://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](http://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?**

- IDENTIFICATION**  
 Photo ID  
**FOR ALL PERSONS ON TAX RETURN:**  
 Birthdate  
 Social Security Card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) card or letter
- 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)
- ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS**  
 Charitable Donations  
 Medical Expenses  
 Mortgage Interest (Form 1098)
- 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
- CHILD CREDITS**  
 Child Care Expenses: Provider name, address, Tax ID or Social Security Number
- PROPERTY TAXES**  
 Homeowner statements: mortgage interest statement (Form 1098), Statement of Property Tax Payable in 2014  
 Renter Statements (Landlord Details)
- 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

Community Action Partnership of Riverside County  
2038 Iowa Ave Suite B102 Riverside, CA 92507  
951-955-4900 | 951-951-1110 (Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM)  
951-955-8506 FAX | 951-955-5126 TTY

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