



Kevin's Corner

Have We Reached Our Limit?

It is my humble opinion that we are rapidly reaching the tipping point concerning endless traffic congestion and our quality of life here in Riverside County. The 91 turns into a parking lot, the 15 turns into a parking lot and the 215/60 turns into a parking lot for hours and hours every weekday and most Saturdays. Our biggest export – that being workers – lose hours and hours of either work time or family time or both sitting on our freeways. Our internal community thoroughfares are like clogged arteries waiting for surgical relief (widening in this case). A few years ago, we were adding roughly 30,000 people a year to Riverside County (the equivalent of one small city per year). Add to this the recent news that the Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino counties) is supposed to add another million people per decade over the next 30 or so years. How much more can California handle? How much more can Riverside County handle? At what point do we open the window and yell out “I’m mad as hell and I’m not going to take it anymore!”?

Okay, that is probably a little overdramatic, but the congestion problem is not going away anytime soon and I don’t see a fix in sight. I continue to believe that our countywide focus needs to be on attracting local businesses and the jobs they create. Sure, some will be entry level positions and others will be more skilled and offer more pay, but I’ve got to believe they will all be cheaper than the cost of taxing, tolling, feeing, and constructing billion dollar expansions to our current freeways.

Where do we start? First thing – make it easier to build or expand a professional, light industrial or retail business in Riverside County. Excessive fees and extreme bureaucratic delays make us very unattractive compared to other counties. Second – once the bureaucracy and outrageous fees are under control, recruit (steal) businesses away from other counties, entice new businesses and startups and help them create jobs right here! I know that some of you will take issue with my position and argue that we don’t need any more of anything, which is understandable but not very practical. After you have taken a drive through the heart of Los Angeles, I’m sure we can all agree that what we don’t want to become is wall to wall concrete and roof tops. We can do better. Let’s keep our truly rural communities rural, enjoy and protect the large swaths of open space between our communities, keep high density housing near transit and jobs, and well you know—just do everything we can to keep out county from turning in Los Angeles!

Is “Bartertown” Next?

Nearly every community in our district is feeling the problems and challenges related to the chronic homeless population. We know that some of the homeless will accept the assistance that local government (cities and county) offers to help them get back on their feet, but we are all dealing with a large number of homeless who are outright rejecting government assistance and preferring to live off the grid. Resources and programs exist for every family with children, every youth, and every veteran to get assistance today. The reasons and circumstances for preferring this lifestyle can vary (mental health, drug addictions, anti-social, etc), but the strain and problems this particular group is causing to our neighborhoods is real and taking its toll on both residents and businesses alike. It is not illegal to be homeless, but the spillover impacts are sure causing lots of grief. I can’t help but wonder when a homeless activist group is simply going to buy a large canyon somewhere and set up a semi-permanent homeless community, and if that does occur how will local government respond? Send Code Enforcement and Health officials to shut it down, or just accept it and bring services to it?

As always – if you have any suggestions, recommendations or complaints – drop us a note.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries

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County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

Each month, the Jeffries Journal highlights some 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.

Lakeland Village Community Advisory Council Corey Crow, Chairman



What does your commission do?

As Chair of The Lakeland Village Community Advisory Council (LVCAC), the goal of the LVCAC is to be an asset to our community. I believe community is about relationships. The LVCAC strives to bring community members together to build positive relationships to keep our Lakeland Village community strong and healthy. Come down and check out our next meeting.

What interested you in serving on the commission?

I have lived in Lakeland Village for over 13 years now. I have been a Special Education teacher in our area since 2006. I am currently a Lake Elsinore Unified School District administrator. My boys go to school at Lakeland Village School and my daughter graduated from Lakeside High School. My wife is a very busy PTSA member. I am invested in this community and want it to continue to be a great place to live.

Happy
Father's
Day

Supervisor Success Stories



Each month this column highlights 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.

Mead Valley Community Clean Up, A Success For Everyone!

The clean up which was held on May 20th at Tomas Rivera Middle School was a huge community success with over 1100 tires picked up and 75 roll offs filled. Cars, trucks, and even cargo vans were lined up in two lines to dump everything from tires, to couches, and tvs. The line was so long, that at one point it stretched all the way to Dawes Street. Even though the lines were long, those in line were happy to have this event.

So, we've officially outgrown the Tomas Rivera MS site, and beginning in the fall we will be moving our clean ups to the landfill off of Forrest Drive and San Jacinto Ave. Stay tuned to our website and future newsletters for details coming soon!



Capella Street Gets Right Turn Pocket

Recently residents of Capella Street (off of Van Buren) contacted our office about the possibility of installing a right turn pocket in order for them to safely slow down and turn right onto their street without having to create a traffic back up on Van Buren. After our office staff looked into the feasibility of the turn with our County Transportation Dept. it was determined that it could be done.

As you can see below, the right turn pocket has been installed and residents of Capella Street are very thankful for their new turn lane.



Local District #1 Events



Supervisor Kevin Jeffries recently attended the grand opening of the Behavioral Health Crisis Services Campus located at 9890 County Farm Road in Riverside. This project was completed in conjunction with the Riverside University Health System Behavioral Health and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency.



Residents of Temescal Valley and employees of Terramor along with Supervisor Kevin Jeffries recently dedicated the bridge which will provide daily access to those living on the east side of Temescal Canyon Road in the Terramor project to points west. Pictured are Temescal Valley residents Jannlee Watson & Amie Kinne along with Supervisor Kevin Jeffries and representatives of Terramor.

Plaque reads—"This bridge dedicated to yesterday's travelers who passed through this valley and to today's settlers who make it their home."

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At the May 23, 2017, Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting, the Riverside County Commission for Women awarded one Woman and a Young Lady of the Year from each of the five Supervisory districts. This year's awardee for Women of the Year, District I, was Carol Roquemore founder of Canine Support Teams, Inc. The Young Lady of the Year was Gina Tran, student of Norte Vista High School.



Riverside Medal of Honor Freeway Dedication Ceremony at Ysmael Villegas Park

On May 26th, 2017, Supervisor Kevin Jeffries along with Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey, Councilmembers Paul Davis and Chris MacArthur, VFW Post 184, VFW Post 8737, and VFW Post 9223, came together for the new SR-91 Medal of Honor Freeway Sign Dedication Ceremony. The new highway sign will honor three Medal of Honor recipients from Riverside. Those names are, Staff Sergeant Salvador J. Lara, Staff Sergeant Ysmael R. Villegas, and Sergeant Jesus S. Duran.



Arlanza Community Safety Event



On May 11, 2017, the City of Riverside, Ward 7 Councilman John Burnard held a Community Safety event at Rutland Park. In an effort to reduce auto theft, the Riverside Police Department is piloting the H.E.A.T. program (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) which Lieutenant Kevin Townsend provided residents with the details of the program.

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Responding to an email from a concerned commissioner about our Riverside County archive system and the need for more funding to assist its programs, Supervisor Kevin Jeffries recently took a tour of our archives to learn more. Pictured above with Supervisor Kevin Jeffries is Babawale Alao who manages the archives.

The archives truly are a treasure trove of information for those interested in the history of Riverside County. Appointments are taken M-Th from 8am-4pm if you would like to come down to see these great books of history for yourself. Visit www.archives.asrclkrec.com or call (951) 486-7327 today.



Non-Profit Spotlight

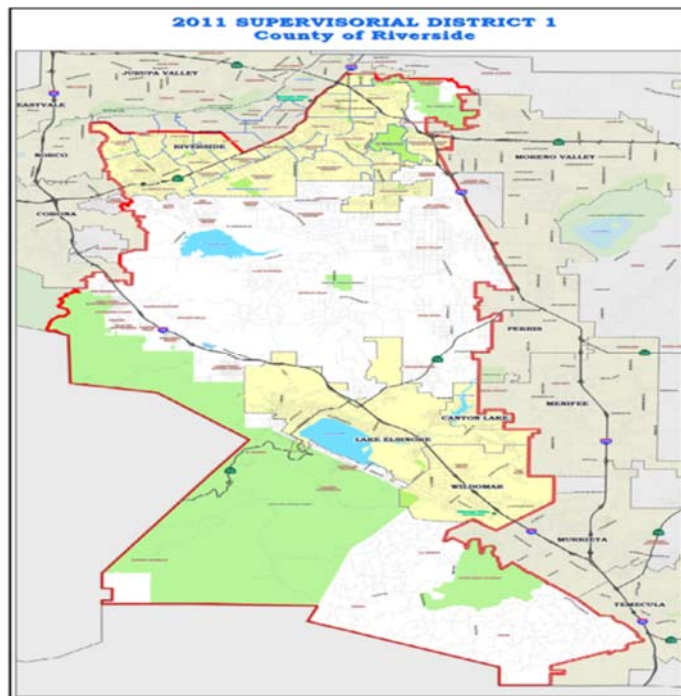
RIVERSIDE ARTS ACADEMY



The Riverside Arts Academy is committed to providing instruction and a springboard to arts education in a broad-based curriculum that focuses on improving the quality of life through music, dance, performing, and visual arts.

The Academy strives to provide low- or no-cost quality arts programs for the community, help participants develop fundamentals and fine-tune artistic techniques, use monies raised through sponsorship and donations to purchase instruments, art materials and provide specialized instruction, and to ensure that all children in Riverside have access to the arts.

For further information on the Academy's programs, visit their website at <http://www.riversideartsacademy.com/> or contact them at: 951-826-2441



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, DeLuz and Spring Hills.

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Location
Fair Housing Council of Riverside
3933 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501

Topics:

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- Identifying Predatory Lending
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- Finding the Right Home
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