



Kevin's Corner

A Man on a Mission – Who is Kurt Wilson, and will he succeed in turning around a messy government agency that few know anything about and even fewer keep an eye on? I've written about this little-known government agency before. It's the **Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)**, and a gentleman by the name Kurt Wilson was hired in mid-2021 to turn that ship around and serve as its new Executive Director. Kurt is a kind and gentle soul that has a record of fixing broken organizations. He has optimism, hope, and most importantly he seems to have a good moral and ethical compass to guide him. His only downfall is that he works for a government entity that has a history of wanting more: more money, more programs, more authority.

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Some of you will recall that WRCOG grabbed some national attention some years back for its very cozy financial relationship (read: monopoly) with a private firm that exclusively arranged financing for energy efficiency/solar installation loans on a massive scale. That backroom monopoly provided millions of dollars in proceeds to WRCOG over many years. It was as if WRCOG had its own printing presses. Not surprising, the private firm ultimately attracted various investigations by local, state and federal investigators, lawsuits and then went bankrupt.

And because one defunct, and financially questionable program was not enough, in 2019 WRCOG kicked off yet another new government organization known as the **Western Community Energy (WCE)** organization. Its goal was to dive into the high stakes, financially unstable energy markets and resell power to homes and businesses. Just like Governor Gray Davis learned from the 2001 energy crisis, the energy market is not for the faint of heart or those with limited bank accounts. WRCOG apparently thought it was smarter than most and started dumping millions of government dollars into its newly created WCE organization.

About \$3 million of local funds were provided as "seed" money, and another \$2 million followed. By May 2021, the WCE was already a financial mess and quickly needed to seek bankruptcy protections. And key WRCOG/WCE staff had already started heading out the door, leaving behind a heap of unanswered questions. Either because of deafness, blind trust or because some were willing to gamble with other people's money, the WRCOG/WCE governing commission was caught with its pants down. Unsuspecting WCE customers (residents and businesses) were left with debt and high fees to get back onto the local energy grid. Within a few months of the above financial disaster, a new Executive Director for WRCOG was found, Mr. Kurt Wilson. Within months of his arrival, Mr. Wilson found and reported to the WRCOG commission that roughly one million dollars (out of the \$5 million) given to the (failed) WCE had NEVER been authorized or approved by the WRCOG commission for loan or transfer to the WCE. It appears someone in power behind the scenes just did it. Gave it away. In my book, if that's not criminal, it's malfeasance. Someone needs to answer for it.

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On a Happy Note – Lots and lots of Christmas events are occurring across the First District (yes, I know that I’m supposed to be politically correct and say “Holiday events”). Take a look at the following pages of this newsletter to see if any are near you. And please, support and shop at your local, small businesses whenever you can. They are the backbone in many of our communities.

Merry Christmas,

Kevin Jeffries

SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES AND THE ENTIRE DISTRICT#1 STAFF WISH YOU AND YOURS A

Merry Christmas!

2022




SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE DONATIONS NEEDED

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors are joining with the Riverside County Fire Department in supporting the Spark of Love Toy Drive

If you are able, please drop off a new unwrapped toy or sports gear for underprivileged children in our region to the toy collection box on the 5th floor of the CAC.

Donations are also being accepted at all CALFIRE/Riverside County Fire Department stations.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
4080 LEMON STREET, 5TH FLOOR
RIVERSIDE, CA 92501




SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE
30TH ANNIVERSARY
PRESENTING SPONSOR




HOPE for the Holiday's Annual



TOY DRIVE

Join the HOPE collaborative tradition this Holiday season by donating a new unwrapped toy/gift for Riverside County's Foster Children and Youth.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS THROUGH
DECEMBER 5TH

21250 Box Springs Rd, Suite 109, Moreno Valley CA 92557





TO FIND A TOY DONATION BOX NEAR YOU, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT (951) 686-5750



Interested in serving your local community?

Perhaps you are more of a regional advocate?

If you live in or have a business in District #1, be sure to look at the list of openings we have below for local commissions.

If you feel you have the time to dedicate to making the district a better place feel free to apply online at

www.supervisorjeffries.com, under Boards & Commissions

CURRENT OPENINGS:

Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) -
One (1) Member

Lakeland Village Community Advisory Council (CAC) — One (1) Alternate

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) -
One (1) Alternate

Advisory Council of Aging- One (1) Opening

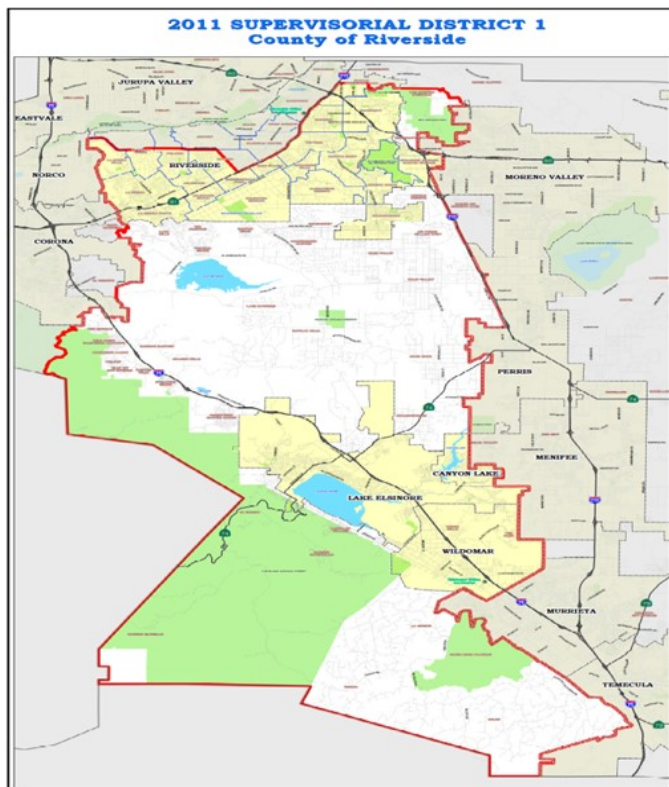
In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient or Caregiver of IHSS Services—One (1) opening

Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening

Riverside County Flood Control Commission—
Zone 1 One opening
see map:

www.rcflood.org/About-the-District/District-Zones-2021

Community Action Partnership—One (1) Alternate



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.

Santa Rosa Plateau Town Hall

In November, Supervisor Jeffries spoke to over 200 residents at the Santa Rosa Plateau Community Town Hall that was presented by the LCPOA Neighborhood Committee and graciously hosted by the Johnson family. Dozens of agencies including many county departments attended and had tables to take questions from the constituents.



3403 Mission Trail Wildomar, CA 92595 | wildomar.library@rivlib.net | 951.471.3855



Volunteers 2023 Needed

We are currently looking for 3 people who are great with little ones and speak Spanish!

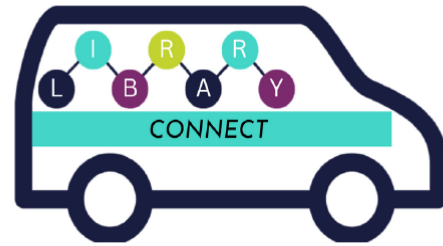
We need help with:

- Twice monthly story time: 1- 1.5 hours:
- Simple sing along songs
- Reading "easy reader" stories in Spanish
- Setting up tables and activities
- Interacting with kids & their guardians!

This is a great way for resume building, helping our community, and honing your skills!

Registration & information:

Call our library or come in & sign up!



WEEKLY ROUTE SCHEDULE

- Mondays:** Country Village Apartments 10:00am-12:00pm
10250 Country Club Dr., Jurupa Valley, 91752
Deleo Regional Sports Park 2:00pm-4:00pm
25655 Santiago Canyon Rd., Temescal Valley 92883
- Tuesdays:** Lakeland Village Community Center 10:00am-12:00pm
16275 Grand Ave., Lake Elsinore, 92530
Moses Schaffer Community Center 2:00pm-4:00pm
(Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month)
21565 Steele Peak Dr., Perris, 92570
- Wednesdays:** Mead Valley Community Center 1:30pm-3:30pm
21091 Rider St., Perris, 92570
- Thursdays:** Country Village Apartments 10:00am-12:00pm
10250 Country Club Dr., Jurupa Valley, 91752
Deleo Regional Sports Park 2:00pm-4:00pm
25655 Santiago Canyon Rd., Temescal Valley 92883



909-238-2444



libraryconnect.westvan@rivlib.net

LITERACY SERVICES

5840 Mission Blvd, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509
(951) 685-6901 | www.rivlib.net





Flood Control Public Budget Hearings

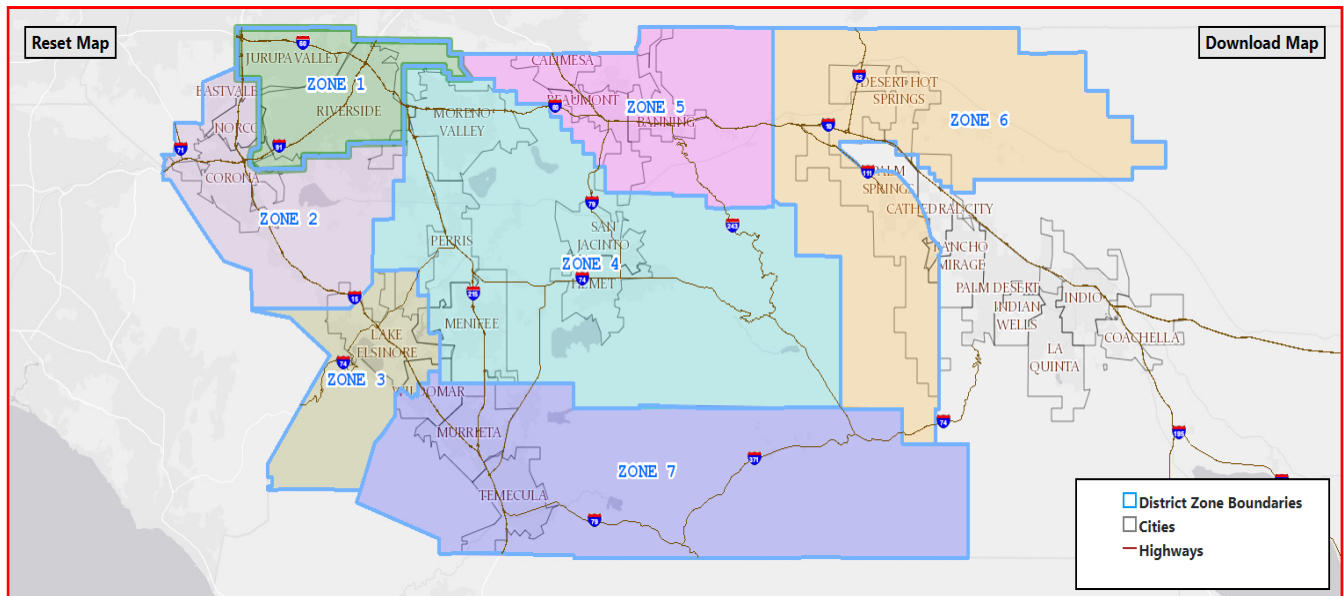
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) Public Budget Hearings have been scheduled for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Meetings will be held at the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Office, 1995 Market Street, Riverside.

For additional information regarding the District's Capital Improvement Plan and how to attend these hearings virtually please visit the webpage:

<https://rcflood.org/cip>

The agenda and meeting materials are available in alternate formats upon request. Should you require these or other accommodations because of a disability, please contact Beth DeHayes at 951.955.1292 or badehaye@rivco.org prior to the public hearing date.

- **Zone 1** - 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022
- **Zone 2** - 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022
- **Zone 3** - 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022
- **Zone 4** - 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022
- **Zone 5** - 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022
- **Zone 6** - 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022
- **Zone 7** - 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022



To view the interactive map: <https://rcflood.org/About-the-District/District-Zones-2021>

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Our office organized a well attended community Clean up event in Enchanted Hills (unincorporated Perris). Residents brought in trip after trip of tires, old couches, and busted TVs. Thank you to Riverside County Code Enforcement who helped several residents and drove around the community picking up items left in the street. Thank you also to WMI and Riverside County Sheriff for their team work and help.



Thanksgiving Event 2022

More than 300 people from Good Hope and Mead Valley were able to attend the annual Thanksgiving event at the Mead Valley Community Center and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal prepared by Mrs. Kathy's group of volunteers from The Grove Church, who have been cooking for the community for the past five years. Congratulations to the lucky winners of the turkeys and hams and many thanks to Pastor Noland Turnage, The Grove Church staff, and all the volunteers who made this wonderful event possible!



Mead Valley Community Clean Up

The Mead Valley Community Cleanup Event on November 19, 2022, was very well attended! We served 251 customers and 755 tires were collected. Huge "thank you" to Pastor Noland Turnage and volunteers from The Grove Community Church for helping to keep the neighborhood clean!! Thank you to the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources and Waste Management for another successful event.





Festival of Lights

JOIN US FOR SOME HOLIDAY CHEER!

Saturday, December 3
5-9 PM

A Drive-thru Event
 Photos with Santa, Christmas Treats,
 Lights, and Music

Mead Valley Community Center
 21091 Rider Street, Perris, CA 92570

Free Admission
 No reservation necessary

Operated by:  Sponsored by:    



STUDIO 395'S

WINTER WONDERLAND



December 9th, 2022

16275 Grand Ave, Lake Elsinore
3 PM - 6 PM

Immersive Art Experience • Kids Activities
 Live Entertainment • Giveaways

Call 951-471-4407 for more information!



Moses Schaffer
 Community Center

Festival of Lights

FREE Drive-thru Event

Enjoy photos with Santa, Christmas treats, lights, and music!

Saturday, December 10
5 - 8 PM

21565 Steele Peak Dr, Perris Ca 92570
 (951) 943-9126 se habla español






COOKIES WITH SANTA

December 14, 2022
3pm - 5pm

Woodcrest Library
16625 Krameria Ave.
Riverside, CA 92504

Come out and enjoy cookies, crafts and activities with Santa!
(Bring your own camera to take a photo with Santa)

Admission: FREE! But please bring an unwrapped toy for the Spark of Love Toy Drive
Call (951) 789-7324 for more information!







Riverside County Sheriff's Office
presents

Blue Light Ceremony

A ceremony honoring all Riverside County Peace Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.



Monday, December 12th at 6:00 PM
County Administrative Center - Board Chambers
4080 Lemon Street | Riverside, CA 92501

Reception immediately following

The blue light is symbolic of our remembrance of those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and also honors those officers who continue to work today.



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WINTER FEST

AT DELEO PARK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022 AT 10AM - 1PM

DONATE HERE!



SLEDDING RAMPS · CRAFTS · TRAIN RIDES · SANTA
COOKIE DECORATING · HOT CHOCOLATE · BOUNCERS
SNOW GLOBE PHOTO OP · CARNIVAL GAMES
GIVEAWAYS · SNOW PLAY · FAMILY FUN

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RIVCOEVENTS@RIVCO.ORG OR 951.955.3105

PLEASE BRING YOUR NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS OR SPORTS EQUIPMENT TO THE PARK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO UNDESERVED CHILDREN & TEENS IN LOS ANGELES, SAN BERNARDINO, ORANGE, VENTURA, AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES.

Longest Night

of the year

HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

Food, blankets, hygiene supplies,
Narcan, and other resources will be provided.

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 21 • 5PM
FAIRMOUNT PARK
2601 FAIRMOUNT BLVD

[HTTPS://RIVCOHWS.ORG/CONTINUUM-CARE-DIVISION](https://rivcohws.org/continuum-care-division)



YOUTH / SENIORS
DISABLED / VETERANS

RIDE FOR 25¢



Beginning August 1 through June 30, 2023, RTA is offering 25-cent bus rides to youth, seniors, disabled and veterans on all bus routes, including CommuterLink! While on board, enjoy free Wi-Fi, USB charging ports, comfortable seating, friendly drivers, and, as always, our commitment to safety wherever you're headed.

Just show your valid ID to receive the discounted fare.

- Youth Age 18 and Under
- Seniors Age 60 or Above
- Disabled Customers and Medicare Card Holders
- Veterans



Cash, coin and Token Transit app payment accepted. Visit RiversideTransit.com or call us at (951) 565-5002 for more information or to plan your trip.



PURCHASING
FLEET SERVICES



BECOME A COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PREQUALIFIED VENDOR

With the County of Riverside Purchasing and Fleet Services

The County of Riverside provides various opportunities for contractors to become Prequalified Vendors for both Formal and Informal Public Works Projects.

What is the benefit of being approved as a prequalified Contractor?

- Informal public projects allow project managers to contact companies on the approved "All Projects under \$200,000" list directly for projects under \$60,000 with no competitive bidding required and/or companies on the "Exclusive Small Projects" list who do projects under \$25,000 directly.
- The "Exclusive Small Projects" do not require contractor registration with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) nor project registration or project bonds.

How long is a contractor's Pre-qualification valid for informal public projects?

- Qualifications begin each year on January 1, but applications are accepted year round
- Contractors must fully complete the prequalification package and provide all documents requested just one time.
- The contractor's prequalification status will remain current from the date of accepted qualification through December 31 of each year.
- Once approved, Contractors will be notified before the year ends requesting that they renew for the new upcoming year.

Become a County of Riverside Prequalified Contractor Today!

Follow the link below to review the instructions and complete the application process.

<https://www.purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us/Vendors.aspx>

SAVE THE DATE!

JOB fair

RIVERSIDE 2023

Presented by:
BANK OF AMERICA

WHEN? January 31, 2023 from 4:30-7:30 PM
WHERE? 1299 Galleria at Tyler

- Free Admission for Job Seekers
- Discuss Available Positions and Submit Your Resume In-Person to Potential Employers
- Obtain Valuable Interview and Job Search Experience from Seasoned Professionals
- Learn How to Build Your LinkedIn Profile and Sharpen Your Resume



Probation Corrections Officer CAREER FAIR

December 14th, 2022
11:30am - 1:00pm

Held virtually on
zoom



Minimum Qualifications for PCO I:

Education: Completion of, or the ability to complete within six months of application date, 60 semester or 90 quarter units of college coursework from an accredited college or university or an associate's degree from an accredited college or university.
Experience: None required.

OPTION II

Education: Completion of, or the ability to complete within six months of the application date, 12 semester or 16 quarter units of college coursework from an accredited college or university.

INCLUDING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Two years of Active Duty in the Armed Forces, National Guard, or Reserves with an Honorable Discharge. You must attach a copy of your Member's Form DD-214 or equivalent, indicating dates of service, to your application.
- 2) Currently be serving in the military with at least two years of Active Duty.



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TO REGISTER
FOR EVENT

APPLICANTS, PLEASE REGISTER
USING TIMETAP LINK



pcovirtualcareerfair.timetap.com

December 2022

BECOME AN IHSS CAREGIVER

Join us for an in-person information session to learn more about how you can earn income by becoming an In-Home Supportive Services Caregiver and begin the application process.



Riverside

Tuesday, December 27th
9:00 am - 10:00 am (English)
WDC Class Room - 1st Floor
1325 Spruce St,
Riverside, CA 92507

Register by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR Code



<http://rivcoihssparecruitment.eventbrite.com>



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