



Kevin's Corner

Moving The Goal Posts Or Raising the Bar? Riverside County, like most counties in our State, had been focused on “bending the curve” to prevent our hospitals and their ICU beds from being overrun by critically ill COVID patients. Extra bed capacity at all the public and private hospitals in the County had been planned and developed. Millions of dollars were in play to buy additional ventilators and gear. Hospital administrators, front line doctors and nurses, as well as state and county emergency coordinators worked as a unified team in our County. A few hospitals in Riverside County were pushed right to the edge when patient counts went right up to their capacity limits (from COVID and routine trauma & emergencies). But overall, the public and private healthcare professionals performed at heroic levels (I believe it was 2018 when many hospitals in our county were last at or above capacity from a really nasty flu bug). With the local hospitals now operating within acceptable levels and trends heading notably downward, we collectively had high hopes that the State would engage with our county as to other steps we could take and start the process of reopening more business sectors and allowing people back into their churches. Then at 11 a.m. last Friday, the Board was advised that the Governor was to announce at noon a significant change in the required tracking and evaluation of COVID, and that while the State was going to allow some more businesses to open on Monday (hair salons & retail stores within malls, limited to 25% capacity), the new changes would likely delay the opening of other currently closed businesses for an extended period, as the County tries to meet the new “metrics.”

From what I can tell, the Governor’s change in monitoring and measuring now places the burden directly onto the shoulders of the citizens and businesses of California to meet a new tier of standards. In short, if new overall COVID infection rates and testing positivity rates don’t fall, counties, including Riverside, will be stuck in holding patterns that will prevent currently closed businesses from reopening. What that essentially means is that Riverside County government, on behalf of the California Department of Public Health (counties are required to carry out lawful orders from the State) must convince more and more residents to adhere to the State required facial covering, social distancing, disinfection and stay-at-home orders. With so many residents expressing their skepticism over COVID testing, test results and cause of death labeling, this will be a Herculean task for many of the 58 counties. Many will call for the heavy hand of county (or city) government to force compliance, via citations, fines and/or jail time. Others will express outrage, raise constitutional concerns, and/or demand litigation to stop the Governor. No matter where you stand on this issue – it’s going to be slow and controversial.

Prisoner Dumping? Since April, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has identified approximately 18,000 inmates statewide who are eligible for release under new guidelines implemented to slow the spread of COVID-19 within California correctional facilities. Unfortunately, those “non-violent, non-sex offending” individuals with 180-365 days left to serve on their terms were turned loose and returned to communities (sometimes literally to the streets) with little planning by CDCR, placing the burden on counties to absorb a large portion of these inmates into their Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) programs. Riverside County has received a total of 313 inmates for PRCS by Riverside County Probation and approximately another 235 inmates were released to Riverside County under State Parole supervision. Our Probation Department and Sheriff are working together to try to ensure this prisoner dumping doesn’t result in new crime waves in Riverside County.

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Hemp Ordinance Coming Soon! Following the legalization of industrial hemp by Congress and President Trump in 2018, hemp has been legal to grow in Riverside County more or less like any other agricultural crop, with minimal oversight. In an effort to reduce some of the negative impacts (mostly odor) of having hemp farms adjacent to residential neighborhoods, the Planning Department has been working on an ordinance to restrict these farms to areas and larger properties where a buffer between homes and hemp is possible. After multiple Planning Commission hearings and amendments, that ordinance is currently scheduled to come before the Board on September 15th. You can review the draft ordinance here: https://planning.rctlma.org/Portals/14/AP/348UPD/HEMP_BOS.pdf

Short Term Rental Ordinance Coming Soon! Many people in Riverside County utilize their properties as short term rentals to supplement their incomes, and many more people use short term rentals for vacations as a more private alternative to hotels. Unfortunately, some of these property owners and some of these guests do not respect their neighbors, and we regularly get reports of loud and rowdy parties, weddings, and other events being held at some of these short term rental locations. Our office has been working with residents in the La Cresta and De Luz areas and the Planning Department on an ordinance that will set new parking and guest capacity and noise limitations, and require a higher level of responsiveness from owners of these short term rentals. The goal is to eliminate the bad actors, while still allowing responsible owners to rent their properties out, and provide welcoming environments for visitors to Riverside County without disrupting the lives of the neighbors. We expect to have draft language available for review here shortly: <https://planning.rctlma.org/Advance-Planning/348UPD>

Respectfully
Kevin Jeffries

*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*

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

Behavioral Health Commission - Contact our office for details on eligibility

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Two (2) board alternate openings

First 5 Commission - One (1) opening

Advisory Council on Aging - One (1) opening



Commissioner's Spotlight.....

Mead Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Board Member—Alejandro Cobian

My name is Alejandro Cobian and I am an active member of the Mead Valley MAC Board. As a member of the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), I, along with the other members, help to facilitate dialogue between our community members and the public/private organizations that are involved in Mead Valley. The MAC meetings are a safe and comfortable location in which ALL community members are welcomed to bring their concerns and thoughts regarding the Mead Valley area. Through communication, we can discern the needs of individuals that represent the community at large. This is a beautiful process in which we gain insight into areas that still need support.

I decided to join the MAC board after hearing of an open position on the board. Before this I was an active volunteer at the community center and a regular attendee of the MAC meetings. I also grew up in Mead Valley! I went to Tomas Rivera Middle School and Citrus Hill High School. I currently teach chemistry and engineering at Citrus Hill High School! Having these unique experiences, I decided that it was best to represent the needs of my community by applying to the open position and being an active participant during our meetings. As a teacher in Mead Valley and MAC member, I am interested in identifying problems and seeking solutions that will help my students, friends, and family enjoy a better quality of life within and beyond our community.



Our Citrus Hill High School student and alumni volunteers that organized and ran the Haunted House during the 2019 Trunk or Treat.

My wife, Daisy, and I catching a morning bike ride at Lake Perris before the summer heat arrives.



Local District #1 Events



The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and the Local Government Commission are sponsoring a statewide summit, with support by the Department of Water Resources to share strategies for **engaging marginalized communities in regional water management** as learned through local implementation of the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement Program.

The 3-day summit will highlight best practices and resources developed through this program, and elevate how lessons learned from IRWM underrepresented community engagement can be shared across other water planning efforts.

VIRTUAL SUMMIT
ENSURING EQUITABLE
INVOLVEMENT IN
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

SAVE THE DATES

8:30 AM- 1:00 PM

Day 1: October 8th
Day 2: October 13th
Day 3: October 14th

Who Should Attend?

- IRWM Practitioners
- Community Members
- Tribal Representatives
- State Agencies



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**NATIONAL
PREPAREDNESS
MONTH**

2020

**Disasters Don't Wait.
MAKE YOUR PLAN TODAY.**

Non-Profit Spotlight

California Family Life Center

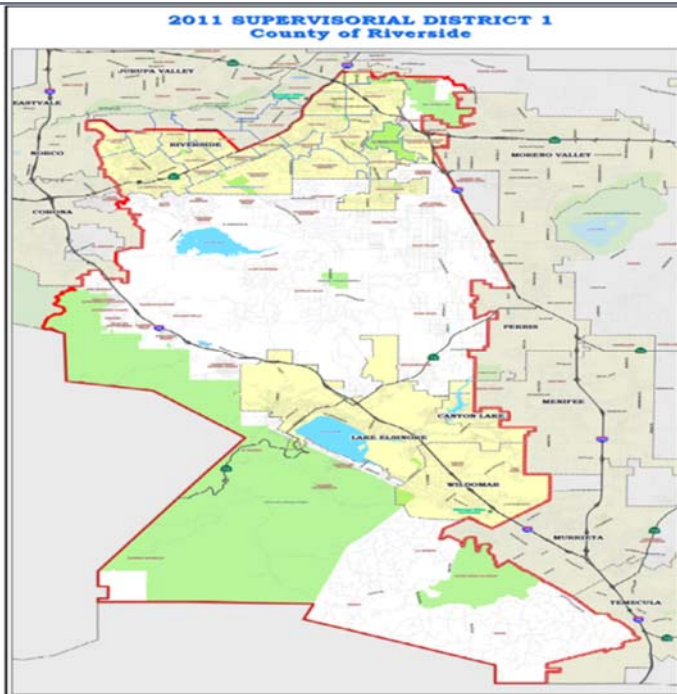


California Family Life Center's mission is to provide safety, comfort and healing to children suffering abuse and abandonment; to teach love and trust; to instill self-esteem, values and hope for the future - and in so doing, assist children trapped in hopelessness and despair become compassionate and contributing members of the community.

In 1982 California Family Life Center was a single practitioner family counseling service for at-risk children and youth, from drug exposed newborns to high school dropouts. A generation later, CFLC has expanded to provide Foster Families, Youth Homes, Job Education Centers, Kinship Support, and a Chaplaincy for these children and youth. The purpose of all these endeavors is to replace abuse, neglect, and hopelessness with affection, encouragement, and success.

California Family Life Center has been awarded the highest level of accreditation by CARF International for its Foster Family and Kinship Care, Group Home Care, and Support and Facilitation programs. CARF accreditation is a public seal of trust and commitment to quality based on internationally accepted standards. Achieving this accreditation demonstrates California Family Life Center's commitment to exceptional, personalized care. An organization receiving the highest level of CARF accreditation has undergone a detailed peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors, during an on-site visit, its commitment to providing programs and services of the highest quality.

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.cflckids.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, DeLuz and Spring Hills.



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Back to School will look different this year.

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Annual Club Membership is only \$25 per year.
Weekly rates are \$70. Scholarships available.

*Please visit our website to add yourself
to the interest list. Space is limited due to COVID-19.
bgcswc.org/before-and-after-school-programs*

Programs & Activities

- Snack provided daily
- Homework Assistance
- Healthy Habits
- Bullying Prevention
- Leadership & Service
- The Arts
- Financial Literacy
- Ultimate S.T.E.M.

Ages

6 - 17*

*6 year olds must
be registered in 1st grade

Hours

1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.* M-F

*Hours subject to change depending
on local school district hours

**Safety is our number one priority! Due to COVID-19,
the Club is taking additional measures to ensure the
safety of everyone who enters our buildings.**

Please visit bgcswc.org for more information.

Contact Us

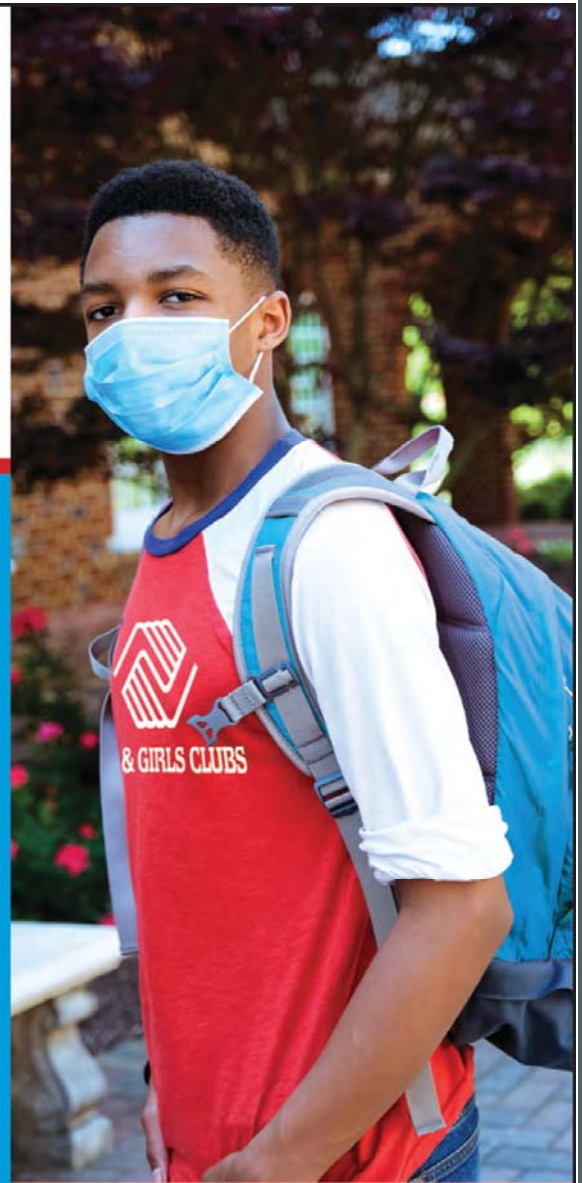
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It Takes to
Build Great
Futures.**

YOUTH COMMUNITY CORPS

Do you need help providing COVID-19 related services?



If you are a Riverside County non-profit or municipal organization and would like assistance providing COVID-19 related services, contact us!

The Youth Community Corps project will:

- Assist non-profit and municipal organizations on the front lines of the COVID-19 response through additional workforce support.
- Provide internship opportunities for youth to engage in local projects and support organizations directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Place interns for either a 6 or 12 week assignment and provide a stipend for their services.

Apply today at:

<https://forms.gle/DSnGLhBmdoE8SP5x8>

For general questions visit: www.rivcoworkforce.com
or contact us at: youthcorps@rivco.org



This program is an equal opportunity employer/program.

YOUTH COMMUNITY CORPS
 Are you 16-24 years old and interested in a paid internship??
LEARN MORE!



Help your community in the fight against COVID-19!

Make A Difference!

The Riverside County Youth Community Corps project will:

- Provide paid internship at a local nonprofit organization or municipality.
- Provide the opportunity to contribute to a community response to COVID-19 by assisting in supplying vital resources and services during the pandemic.
- Help you earn community service volunteer hours.

6 week or 12 week Internships

Must reside in Riverside County

Must be 16-24 years old

Gain work experience and earn

Apply today at: <https://forms.gle/VgEXUM4N2gEKyA3t7>
Or Visit: www.rivcoworkforce.com
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- **LEAN MANUFACTURING**
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- **VOCATIONAL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**
 - PRONUNCIATION, SPELLING, & GRAMMAR, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE IN THE WORKPLACE



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2020 *Virtual* Student Leadership Conference

Activate Your Power: The Intersectionality of Education, Political Equity and Wellness

Saturday, September 12th, 2020

Riverside Latino Network is proud to announce our first Virtual Student Leadership Conference, Saturday September 12th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. This year's conference theme is **Activate Your Power: The Intersectionality of Education, Political Equity, and Wellness**. This conference is designed for high school and college students throughout Riverside County, and will host a series of workshops aligned with our theme including: Civic Engagement, Yoga & Wellness, Social Justice Activism, Financial Aid, and more.

Please share the registration link with any students you think may benefit from this event!

[HTTPS://HOPIN.TO/EVENTS/LNSLC2020](https://hopin.to/events/lnslc2020)

Please Note: You must create an account for registration.

Your name and email must be provided.

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