SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT #1



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Kevin's Corner

Are We There Yet? How many MORE people does Riverside County and its cities need to add before we can say, "sorry but the motel (county) is full!" (note: roughly 30,000 new residents join us all each year).

The fact is, it's NOT even an option for us to say we are full. And indeed, some could easily make the argument that nor should we ever say we have no room left in a state as massive as ours.

The folks who align with *The Overpopulation Project* movement make an argument that our limited resources cannot sustain our trajectory. A more locally based argument can be advanced that our stalled traffic on the 15, 215 or the 91 parking lot freeways, our recent rolling power brown-outs, our inadequate statewide reservoir storage, our hospitals and/or mental health facilities constantly being at capacity, as well as our strained taxpayer funds are all screaming at us with BIG red warning signs.

A local case in point. Nearly every one of our local freeways achieve stand still status (known as service level "F") nearly every commuter day. The 15 freeway is no exception and needs immediate expansions to facilitate local residents heading to and from work, and of course the out of town commuters, vacationers, truckers, etc, who pass through on their way to San Diego or Orange Counties and beyond. In hoping to address this critical need, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC, which is not a "county department") has been planning a widening project down the 15. The preliminary cost to add two lanes in each direction between Corona and Lake Elsinore is an astounding \$652 million +. The County and cities have nowhere near anything even close to that kind of funding available. And to make matters worse, for such a project to even be considered for state and/or federal funding, it would need to be a toll lane project (government calls those "Express Lanes" to avoid even mentioning toll fees). Without the toll revenues to pay back state and/or federal loan guarantees, no grants, no loans = no project. So, if I understand things, the State of California is mandating to our county and cities that they plan, zone, and make available the ability to add 167,000 more affordable homes across Riverside County, while we simultaneously have had to deal with power shortages, water shortages, and jam packed freeways that will not receive state financial assistance to expand unless we make them toll lanes, so that poor and blue collar working stiffs cannot even afford to use them? Sorry, but I'm confused.

Full Court Press... Last month, I reported on the on-going saga of our understaffed courts (lack of judges), and the growing number of criminal cases being dismissed before trial by the courts (which includes a large number of felony cases). Our local ratio of judicial officers per 100,000 residents is 3.4, compared to a statewide average of 11.4. In short Riverside County is at least 22 judges short to

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handle the workload (assuming all of our judges are working full time 5 days a week). The battle to fix this injustice (staffing) is now moving to the State Capital in Sacramento. Our local State Senator Richard Roth has introduced SB-75 to have the State fund the additional judges for our county and others. My guess this will be a brutal fight in the State Legislature. Our State is not exactly known for desiring to enhance the judicial branch anywhere in California. As we hear more about this uphill effort, we may need to send letters to our legislators asking for support. More to come.

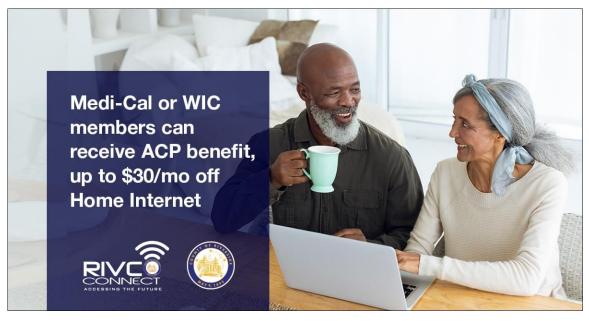
Short Changed! Back in March 2019, the County had estimated that the state of California was short-changing our residents to the tune of at least \$140 million a year, every year, for (just) county wide mental health services. This disparity has been caused by a discriminatory state population funding formula that rewards or protects coastal counties at the expense of the faster growing inland counties. I hope to provide you with some updated numbers in the near future to determine if things have improved (or not). I fear that I already know the answer.

As always, feel free to write me with your constructive thoughts to help improve our quality of life in Riverside County, or to simply vent about ways to improve services. Remember, I can only work on county government issues, I have no say in city provided services.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries

Internet Resources



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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

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Member, One (1) Alternate

Advisory Council of Aging - One (1) Opening

Solid Waste - One (1) Alternate Opening

Assessment Appeals - One (1) Opening Alternate

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

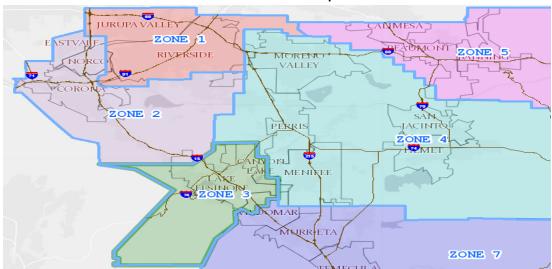
Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening **Community Action Partnership**—One (1) Alternate

Riverside County Flood Control Commission— Zone 1 One opening (see below)

Open Position: Flood Control Commissioner

The First District has an opening on the Riverside County Flood Control Commission representing Zone
1. Commissioners serve as unpaid volunteers, attend a minimum of one annual meeting, to
review the District's Annual Budget and Regional Drainage Plans. For more information visit the
District's website at www.rcflood.org. To apply, please submit the online application available at
www.supervisorieffries.org

Flood Control District Map



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Non-Profit Spotlight

The Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County

The Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County provides academic support through our new Learning Hub program, and sports, arts, S.T.E.M., career readiness, and leadership programs through before and after-school programs for the youth of Temecula, Murrieta, Lakeland Village, and the surrounding communities. The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County is to inspire, enable, and support all youth to realize their full potential as successful, responsible, and impactful members of the community.

At the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County, local youth not only have a safe, positive place to go, but a place where they will receive mentorship from caring, professional adults. Youth can also socialize and interact with their peers, which so many kids need right now.

Contact us:

www.bgcswc.org

(951) 699-1526 – Corporate Office (951) 245-4499 Lakeland Village location

To donate: https://bgcswc.kindful.com/



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Current District 1 in Red

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, Perris, and Wildomar, and unincorporated communities including Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, La Cresta, Tenaja, and DeLuz.

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Riverside County Library System Updates

This month, the Riverside County Library System unveiled its new app! Users can store their own brary cards and link other accounts, keeping the family's information all in one place. With the app, users can see their checkouts and holds, search for items and use the new self-checkout feature, all on their phone. Try it now! Available for Apple and Android devices in English and Spanish.

https://innovativemobile.net/RiversideCountyLibrary

Also, this month Literacy Services would like to officially invite you to the upcoming Literacy Open House at the Western County Literacy Center (5840 Mission Blvd, Jurupa Valley, 92509) on Thursday, February 23 from 2-6 p.m.! It'll be walk-in, so you can come in at any time with any questions.

You'll have the opportunity to learn more about our literacy classes (bit.ly/Spring2023Register), our upcoming tutor training, as well as give input on the literacy needs in your community. Let us know what you'd like to see offered from our department. Information, snacks, drinks, games, and some giveaways await, so join us if you can!





- Place holds
- Store your family's library cards
- Check your account
- Scan ISBNs to find new books
- And more!









GOOD NEIGHBOR BROCHURE FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS

WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Our communities consist of permanent and seasonal homeowners who enjoy living in a tranguil environment. Please read this brochure for an enjoyable stay.



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HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS ARE ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED:

NOISE:

County Ordinance No. 847 regulating noise includes quiet hours between the hours of 10pm and 7am. No amplified sound may be audible inside a residence PARKING:

Renters and their guests should park in the rental garage, driveway, or on the property. No street parking will be permitted.

TRASH:

Trash and refuse shall not be stored within public view except in proper containers for collection. DOGS:

All dogs are to be on leashes whenever they are in unenclosed areas. Barking dogs often result in neighbor complaints.

Failure to comply with the above may result in a citation, fines, or expulsion from the rental property for the renter or their guests

Refer to County Ordinance No. 927 for more information.

Loud music, rambunctious parties, streets filled with cars parked in front of neighbors homes and driveways are prohibited by County Ordinance and will not be tolerated.



BE SAFE AND RESPECTFUL!



Riverside County residents can call toll-free 24/7 (951) 955-2004 or (760) 393-3344 to report violations of the rules.

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Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council

Supervisor Jeffries attended the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meeting on January 25, his first as the new Supervisor for this community. There were over fifty people in attendance for this inaugural meeting under Supervisor Jeffries' purview. The Highgrove MAC also heard directly from Riverside County Executive Officer Jeff Van Wagenen, Riverside County Fire, Riverside County Sheriff, Riverside County Emergency Management Department, and Riverside County Code Enforcement.

The Highgrove MAC meets every other Month on the 4th Wednesday of the Month at the Highgrove Library. Our next meeting is March 22, 2023 at 6pm at Highgrove Library: 650 W. Center Street, Highgrove, CA 92507. For more information please reach out to Damian Fussel at dfussel@rivco.org.









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This FREE training is



WHERE:

Norton Younglove Community Center 459 Center Street Highgrove, CA 92507

Saturday 3/4/2023 & Saturday 3/11/2023

Saturdays 9:00 am to 7:30 pm (1-hour break for lunch)



Please follow the link below

http://tinv.cc/HighgroveCERTMAR23

For more information or ADA assistance contact us:

951-358-7100 or

EMDTraining@RivCo.org

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Building Resilient Communities

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

CERT training is a commitment of 20 hours of training. There is no cost for the training. Only those who successfully complete the practical exercise with hands-on instruction in fire suppression, search and rescue, cribbing,

***CERT courses may be subject to cancellation at any time prior to start of class, if minimum registration number is not met



Participants will receive a complementary CERT backpack!

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From Start to Cart

Thursdays, Jan. 12 - Feb. 23 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Register Here: ca-shop-small.eventbrite.com

Take your business online!

California Shop Small is a 6-week program to help product-based aspiring or existing business owners sell online. Business owners will learn how to get their business online, reach new customers, and increase their sales on a local, regional, and national scale. Participants will receive a six-month free subscription to sell on a California-branded eCommerce platform and no-cost 1on-1 consulting to assist in furthering their online success. At the completion of the program, eligible participants can apply for a County of Riverside grant of \$2,500.









This FREE training is provided by:



WHERE:

Mead Valley Community Center Senior Center 21091 Rider St. Perris CA, 92570

DATES:

February 17th - 19th, 2023

TIME:

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm Friday Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday (1-hour break for lunch)

REGISTRATION

http://tiny.cc/Mead Valley CERT



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Veteran **Entrepreneurs**

Business Start

Wednesdays, Jan 11 - Feb 15 | 3 PM

About

Calling all Veteran entrepreneurs! Successfully launch your businesses with this program as we cover topics on business planning, finance, market analysis, digital marketing, social media, licenses, permits, and more. Veteran Entrepreneurs Business Start is specifically focused on military veterans that are looking to start their first business. At the completion of the program, eligible participants can apply for a County of Riverside grant of \$2,500.



Week 1: January 11 I 3 PM Introduction to Business Ownership



Week 2: January 18 I 3 PM Market Analysis & Customer Discovery



Week 3: January 25 I 3 PM



Week 4: February 1 | 3 PM Financial Literacy & Awareness Week 5: February 8 I 3 PM



Digital Marketing & Social Media Week 6: February 15 | 3 PM



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Register Here:

veteran-entrepreneurs.eventbrite.com









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100% of employee's gross hourly wage reimbursed for up to 6

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- 1. Online County vendor registration enrollment
- 2. Complete the employer agreement
- 3. Submit wage subsidy requests

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SBDC Start

Six Week Series to Help You Start Your Own Small Business

Thursday, February 2 - March 9 10 AM - 12 PM



· The OJT program matches qualified Job seekers with businesses who are in need of full-time skilled workers. OJT will reimburse a business 50% of the employee salary up to 480 hours of training.

What is OJT? On-the-Job Training (OJT) is a FREE program that allows a business to hire and train a new employee while actually performing the Job.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- · Business located in Riverside County
- 32 hrs/week minimum
- · Trainee must be covered by Worker's Compensation
- · Job may not be temporary or seasonal
- · Wage must be prevailing rate within the company
- · Wage may not be commission or plecework based
- Position must be in a high-demand Industry/occupation

ABOUT:

Interested in starting your own business? SBDC Start is a startup series designed to teach you howl in just six weeks, you'll gain the necessary information and skills needed to start your very own business! At the completion of the program, eligible participants can apply for a County of Riverside grant of \$2,500.



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1 College Drive PE Building Blythe, CA 92225 (760) 640-3144



























INCUMBENT WORKER ELIGIBILITY

- · Be employed
- At least 18 years of age

workforce and avert layoffs.

- · U.S. Citizen or a non-citizen whose status permits employment in U.S. Males must be registered for
- Selective Service
- · Meet Fair Labor Standards Act Established employment with
- employer for 6 months or more

EMPLOYER ELIGIBILITY

- Have a need to upgrade skills of their employees to remain competitive in their Industry or the economy
- Can meet the shared cost requirement
- Private sector, non-profit, and local government entitles
- Employer must be in operation for at least 12 months
- · Current on all state and federal tax obligations

HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS:



- Meet your local Workforce Development representative
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Youth Age 18 and Under



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EDUCATION RECRUITMENT FAIR SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

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The Covid-19 pandemic has created hardships for people across Riverside County. Community Action Partnership is here to assist those in need during these trying times.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Current utility bills (electric, gas, propane)

Proof of household income (last 4 weeks)

Photo ID and social security card

Birth certificate, US passport, or proof of legal residency





energy@capriverside.org



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