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Kevin's Corner

Is The Tax Ballot Measure coming? If you have been following the actions of the (independent) Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), then you have an inkling that a new Riverside County sales tax proposal is swirling around waiting for the RCTC commission (1 rep from each city and all 5 county supervisors) to decide if the November 2024 ballot will contain a proposed sales tax increase to help fund freeway and highway improvements (and a bunch of other related items). To learn a little more about the proposal, look at The Press Enterprise article linked here <https://www.pressenterprise.com/2024/01/19/riverside-county-voters-could-be-asked-to-tax-themselves-for-better-roads/>

Keep The Funds in the Community! With a county as large as ours containing so many unincorporated (non-city) communities (totaling roughly 400,000 residents), when most new developments occur, they are required to make typical infrastructure improvements in front of their projects, such as full street paving, curbs, sidewalks, etc. However, on some occasions when the cost of this infrastructure exceeds the ability of a single developer to pay for it, the builder is allowed to NOT build some of it and can instead pay "cash in-lieu" into a county fund to account for their share of the impact. The fund is then used to fund improvements at a later date, as other development comes in around it. When our office could not find a Board of Supervisors policy on the use of these funds, we did some peeking behind the curtain. Early estimates are that \$10.6 million to \$13.6 million has been collected over the last 20 years - but it's not clear for what or where much of the money has been spent (leaving \$4 million in the fund). Because we have so many infrastructure projects that have needed additional funding, we really don't have any reason to believe that any skullduggery has occurred, we just need to make sure that full transparency and fairness is always front and center. Funds collected in the Temescal Valley should generally remain in that valley, and the same for Highgrove, and Mead Valley, and French Valley, etc, etc. I'm happy to announce that on January 30th, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an item created by my office and the 2nd District to keep these funds where they were collected.

The Countdown – The Countdown – I still have 10 months before I pack everything up and ride off into the sunset (and no, I am not letting my critics start packing early for me), but I am undeniably starting to feel time starting to run out. It's not yet adversely impacting my ability to finalize efforts or get improvements underway or see certain policy changes implemented before I leave – but it's likely coming. But aside from those larger issues, much of what we (our office & staff) do on a daily basis is run interference for individual residents and small business owners. Each County Supervisor has roughly 500,000 residents (plus thousands of local businesses), and we can easily have a dozen or more people asking for help each business day on any item you can imagine (building permits, restaurant inspections, economic / business assistance, housing needs, social services, roads, sheriff reports, jails, agriculture, animal control, veterans' services – with 40+ departments, the list goes on.

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Our office will continue until the last day advocating for our residents and small businesses. Being a County Supervisor is arguably one of the best non-partisan political jobs in the State of California. You can accomplish a LOT for the residents, but the position also comes with a lot of political perks and authority. It is incredibly important that whoever fills these 5 seats NOT be seduced by the position and not feel they are entitled to always hold it. The first election to fill my seat will be held on March 5th.

Volunteer to Plan: Our county is entering what is called an 8 year General Plan Cycle, which is when the county starts making longer term plans for which land uses should exist in which places. As part of that, developers may ask the county to change the “Foundation” elements of the current county General Plan to allow a specific project to be considered in an area that had previously been designated for a different land use. To help with that process, the Board of Supervisors appoints a citizen General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to review those requests. In the last cycle in 2016, there were 32 Foundation change requests. I am looking for an applicant who would be willing to promptly serve on the GPAC. Applicants should be a 1st District resident, and must reside in one of the unincorporated communities (e.g. Good Hope, Mead Valley, Meadowbrook, Highgrove, University City), preferably with experience in land development, construction, real estate, transportation, landscaping, or entitlement processing. It is not yet known how many meetings will be involved, but probably four or more. If you are interested in applying or want more information, please contact Tom Ketcham in my office at TKetcham@Rivco.org or 951-955-1010. (Please see page 3 for more details on the foundation change process).

In closing - I want to briefly mention the passing of a very classy lady who spoke softly but always carried a big stick to help make necessary community changes and fight for her city. She was a great friend to hundreds if not thousands in and around Riverside. My condolences to the family of Ofelia Valdez-Yeager. She was a true community servant who didn't care much for being in the limelight but always fought to make things better. RIP.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries
First District Supervisor



Do you have one minute a month to help make Riverside County better? The County of Riverside is working with FlashVote to gather valuable input from residents to inform decisions on programs, policies and budget. The sign-up process takes less than one minute and the individual information collected by Flash Vote is never shared with the County, nor anyone else. When residents sign up, they can determine if they want to receive the surveys by email, text or phone. Residents will receive a notification whenever there is a new survey, and they will have 48 hours to participate before voting closes. Once a survey is closed, everyone who participated will automatically receive a summary of the overall results and be able to see how their responses compare to the group. Results are anonymous. The county encourages residents to sign up now at <http://flashvote.com/rivconow> or call (775) 235-2240 to participate by phone or text only.

2024 Property Owner Initiated Foundation General Plan Amendment Requests



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2024 Property Owner Initiated Foundation General Plan Amendment

Application Period: Monday, February 5th, 2024 – Friday, April 5th, 2024 (60-Days)

What it is:

The Riverside County Planning Department will accept applications for the 2024 Foundation General Plan Amendment (FGPA) cycle, from Monday, February 5th, 2024 to Friday, April 5th, 2024 (60-Days), consistent with the County's eight-year application cycle. During this application period, property owners seeking a change to their property's General Plan Foundation Component are invited to submit a completed application for an FGPA to the Planning Department for consideration.

Process:

The completed FGPA application will be reviewed by County staff and facilitated in accordance with the 2024 Property Owner Initiated General Plan Foundation Amendment Process, which has two (2) phases. Phase 1 includes a General Plan Initiation Proceeding (GPIP), which consists of application submittal, staff review, General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) review and recommendation, Planning Commission review and recommendation, and a Board of Supervisors decision to either adopt or decline to adopt an order initiating proceedings for the proposed Foundation General Plan Amendment. Phase 2 focuses on processing the Foundation General Plan Amendment through final adoption, in conjunction with an Implementing Project, which is required to be submitted within 6-months of initiation.

Submittal Requirements:

Foundation Amendment initiation requests shall be submitted using the Planning Department's General Application for a General Plan Amendment and submittal of the appropriate Deposit Based Fees (DBF). At a minimum, applicants shall provide an aerial map, any other thematic map that provides additional information, and a detailed written discussion justifying the reason for the proposed change. Discussion should include information related to compatibility, infrastructure, habitat, site constraints / opportunities and any other information unique to the property that supports a Foundation change.

Application:

For further details regarding the application process and for a copy of the application, visit the Riverside County Planning Department website: <http://planning.rctlma.org>

Enmienda al Plan General de la Fundación Iniciada por el Propietario de 2024

Plazo de presentación de solicitudes: Lunes 5 de Febrero de 2024 – Viernes 5 de Abril de 2024 (60 días)

Que es:

El Departamento de Planificación del Condado de Riverside aceptará solicitudes para el ciclo de Enmienda del Plan General de la Fundación (FGPA) de 2024, desde el lunes 5 de Febrero de 2024 hasta el viernes 5 de Abril de 2024 (60 días), de acuerdo con el ciclo de solicitud de ocho años del Condado. Durante este período de solicitud, se invita a los propietarios que buscan un cambio en el Componente de Fundación del Plan General de su propiedad a presentar una solicitud completa para una FGPA al Departamento de Planificación para su consideración.

Proceso:

La solicitud FGPA completada será revisada por el personal del Condado y facilitada de acuerdo con el Proceso de Enmienda de la Fundación del Plan General Iniciado por el Propietario de 2024, que tiene dos (2) fases. La Fase 1 incluye un Procedimiento de Inicio del Plan General (GPIP), que consiste en la presentación de la solicitud, la revisión y recomendación del personal y el Comité Asesor del Plan General (GPAC), revisión y recomendación de la Comisión de Planificación, y una decisión de la Junta de Supervisores para adoptar o negarse a adoptar una orden que inicie procedimientos para la propuesta de Enmienda al Plan General de la Fundación. La Fase 2 se centra en la tramitación de la Modificación del Plan General de la Fundación hasta su adopción final, junto con un Proyecto de Implementación, que debe presentarse dentro de los 6 meses de su inicio.

Requisitos de presentación:

Las solicitudes de inicio de la Enmienda de la Fundación se presentarán utilizando la Solicitud General de Enmienda al Plan General del Departamento de Planificación y la presentación de las Tarifas Basadas en Depósitos (DBF) correspondientes. Al mínimo, los solicitantes deberán proporcionar un mapa aéreo, cualquier otro mapa temático que proporcione información adicional y una discusión detallada por escrito que justifique la razón del cambio propuesto. La discusión debe incluir información relacionada con la compatibilidad, la infraestructura, el hábitat, las limitaciones o oportunidades del sitio y cualquier detalles únicos de la propiedad que respalde un cambio de la Fundación.

Solicitudes:

Para obtener más detalles sobre el proceso de solicitud y para obtener una copia de la solicitud, visite el sitio web del Departamento de Planificación del Condado de Riverside: <http://planning.rctlma.org>

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

CURRENT OPENINGS:

Solid Waste - One (1) Alternate Representative
Assessment Appeals Board No. 3 - One (1) Alternate
General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) - One (1) Member
Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Alternate
First 5 Children & Families Advisory Committee— One (1) Member
Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Two (2) Alternates
In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient or Consumer of IHSS Services - One (1) opening
Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening & Public Interest - One (1) opening

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions
 please see a link and instructions to an
 application below:

<https://rivcodistrict1.org/sites/g/files/aldnop256/files/2023-08/Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Application%2C%208-22-23.pdf>



Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) is offering free rides on all local CommuterLink and GoMicro buses every Friday and will continue through June 28, 2024.

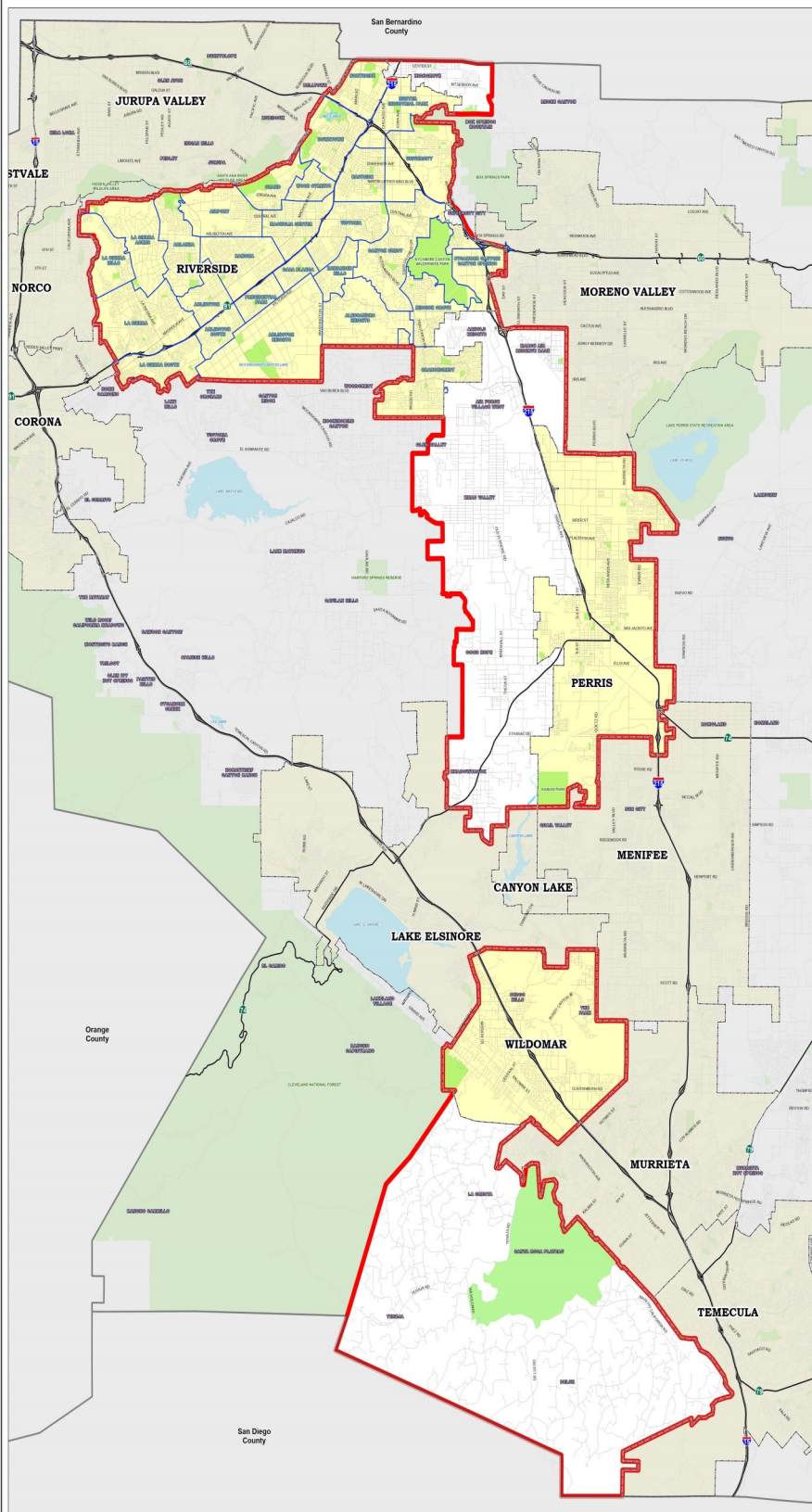
Let RTA take you to your next destination
 for free!

Get your Free Ride Friday Pass on the GoMobile app.
 It's free!

For any questions please reach out to RTA at
 (951) 565-5002 or visit their website at

RiversideTransit.com

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 County of Riverside



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 the unincorporated communities including Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, March Joint Powers Authority, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz.

- Roads
- Highways
- City Boundaries
- Neighborhoods
- District 1 Boundary
- Parks
- Waterbodies

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
District 1
(951) 955-1010

Representing the Cities of:
Riverside
Jurupa Valley (portion)
Perris
Wildomar



NOTE: Wildomar, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz will move to the 3rd District in January of 2025.

Highgrove Updates



On January 8, 2024, new safety flashing stop signs were added at Garfield and Center, and Center and Michigan. These flashing stop signs will enhance pedestrian safety along an existing route to the Highgrove Elementary School.

FREE EVENT
FOR ALL
HIGHGROVE
RESIDENTS

**COMMUNITY
CLEAN UP
HIGHGROVE**

BRING YOUR BULKY ITEMS FOR FREE DISPOSAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00AM - 12:00PM

Sandals Church Hunters Parking Lot
150 Palmyrita Ave.
Riverside

NON ACCEPTABLE ITEMS	ACCEPTABLE ITEMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto Parts • Dirt • Rocks • Concrete • Manure • Propane tanks • Paint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil • Solvents • Pesticides • Antifreeze • Batteries • Fluorescent bulbs • Loose trash
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furniture • Appliances • Tree limbs/branches (bundled, not to exceed 3 feet) • Tires (9 per trip. No tractor tires) • Computers • TVs/Monitors/Printers

For more information call (951) 486-3200

WASTE MANAGEMENT

*Residents with trailers and/or enclosed storage trucks may be directed to the transfer station.
*Company vehicles will be turned away.
*Residents may need to unload items themselves.



Vaccination Clinic Clínica de Vacunación



Norton Younglove Community Center

**459 Center St.
Riverside, CA 92507
February 29, 2024
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

OFFERING: | OFRECIENDO:

FLU and *COVID-19 (MODERNA & PFIZER)

- Vaccine is based on availability and eligibility.
- La vacuna se basa en la disponibilidad y la elegibilidad.
- COVID-19 vaccine is available to uninsured adults ages 19 and above and to those whose insurance does not cover the vaccine or requires a co-payment.
- La vacuna contra COVID-19 está disponible para adultos mayores de 19 años de edad sin aseguranza, también para individuales con aseguranza que no cubre la vacuna o requiere un copago.

**Walk-ins Welcome. No appointments necessary.
No se necesitan citas.**

**Call: | Llame: (951) 358-5000 | Select: 0, 1, 1
www.ruhealth.org/ph-covid-19-vaccine-registration**

Mead Valley Tire Collection

In partnership with Housing and Workforce Solutions, Waste Management, Riverside County Code Enforcement, and The Grove Community Church, we hosted a Tire Collection Event in Mead Valley on Saturday, January 27. This event was a remarkable success thanks to the incredible participation of 26 Citrus Hill High School students (Basketball & Seniors), and volunteers from Mead Valley and Good Hope, who worked really hard and got dirty to collect 1,394 tires from the community. 137 residents took advantage of this cleanup event to get rid of unwanted tires. Special thanks to Good Hope MAC Board member Yami Medrano, Mead Valley MAC Board member Sterlon Sims, Citrus Hill Basketball Couch Tim Hatch, Pastor Noland Turnage, Mead Valley Community Center Manager Misty Felix, Supervising Development Specialist Grace Escobar, and Supervising Code Enforcement Officer Jamison Cole for this collaborative effort to provide a cleaner community for our residents.



Mead Valley Resources Fair

On January 18, Housing and Workforce Solutions, in partnership with Riverside County Code Enforcement, DPSS, the Department of Animal Services, Behavioral Health, Substance Use Services and the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Team, came together to host a resource fair at a homeless encampment located on Martin St. in Mead Valley. The housing team is actively working with those individuals to find some interim housing options that they are willing to accept while looking for more permanent housing options. Thank you to all departments and agencies for this collaborative effort to provide resources to people facing significant barriers in our community so that we can move forward to clean up this dangerous and unsightly property.



Library Updates

Riverside County Library System

New Year, New Hours!

Same Great Service to the Community

Beginning January 1, service hours will change at the Highgrove Library.

Sunday & Monday CLOSED
Tuesday & Thursday 10am-6pm
Wednesday 11am-7pm
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 12pm-4pm



MOSES SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER

1ST & 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH:
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

21565 Steele Peak Dr | Perris



CONNECT

MOBILE RESOURCE VAN SERVICES:

Learning Lounge - Just-in-time literacy support services, such as resume and job help

Family Literacy Programs - Programs to develop literacy skills as a family, such as Raising a Reader and STEAM programs

Adult One-on-One Sessions - Get one-on-one support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking and digital skills

Adult Small Group Sessions - Get support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking, digital and job skills as a group

Library Services - Book checkout/checkin, holds pickup/return, get a library card

Riverside County Library System

5840 Mission Blvd. | Riverside, Ca. 92509
 www.rivlib.net | 951.369.3003

Funding provided by the State of California.



BUILDING BLOCKS

AT THE LIBRARY

HIGHGROVE LIBRARY 530 W.
 CENTER ST RIVERSIDE, CA 92507

**3:00PM
 TO
 4:30PM**

**COME SHOW OFF YOUR BUILDING
 SKILLS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 2024**



Lunch at the Library Partner Project

Starting January 8, visit your local RCLS branch for food and fun after school - snacks, books to take home, arts and crafts, STEM learning and more!

The CLA Lunch at the Library Partner Project is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

Upcoming 2023 Tax Information

Please see the below flyers for California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) and the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC). These are state tax credits for working Californians. If you qualify, you may see a reduced tax bill or a bigger refund. Please follow the below link for more information:
<https://www.caleitc4me.org/>.

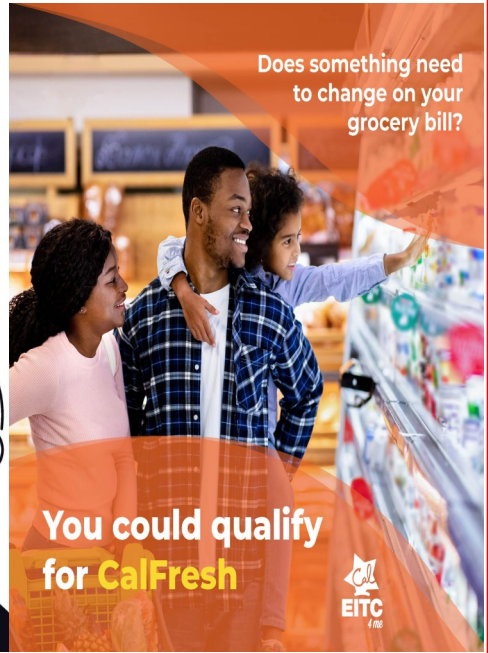
If you made less than \$30,000 in 2023,
you may qualify for a tax credit called CalEITC.





Did you know that 4 out of 5 Americans use **direct deposit** for their tax refund?



Does something need to change on your grocery bill?



You could qualify for CalFresh



Got an old mattress? You've got options!

1

**Retailers
Take It**



2

**Drop It
Off**



3

**City
Pick Up**



 **byebyemattress.com**
A Program of the Mattress Recycling Council®

More than 75% of a mattress can be recycled into other products, diverting valuable resources from local landfills! Learn how to recycle your mattress and free disposal options that may be available to you at [ByeByeMattress.com](https://www.ByeByeMattress.com) #byebyemattress

You can visit their website www.ByeByeMattress.com to find a recycling location and additional information. If you would like these materials in Spanish, please let us know!

For more information about the program in your area, your local Bye Bye Mattress coordinator is Tyler Douthitt at (949) 534-6693.

Proceeds
Support
Local
Children in
Need!



Come Play
with Some of
your Favorite
NFL Players

Celebrity Golf Tournament

- ✓ 18 Holes of Golf
- ✓ Mulligans
- ✓ Raffles, Live Auction,
Great Prizes!
- ✓ Foursome Photo
- ✓ Lunch and Awards
Banquet Included!

EARLY BIRD PRICES THROUGH 1/31/2024

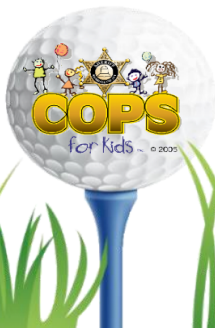
FOURSOME SPONSOR \$800

INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR \$200

PRICE Includes ALL Events Listed
and More!

**Additional Sponsorships
Available!**

May 3rd, 2024



Dos Lagos Golf Course
4507 Cabot Dr., Corona, CA 92883

CHECK IN 11:00am
Shotgun 12:30 pm

Register Online @ <http://copsforkidsinc.org/events>
To Reserve Your Spot Call or Email Chris Jeffries @
951-245-3389/CopsForKidsGolf@outlook.com

www.CopsForKidsInc.org

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pets here

Ver animales
disponibles aquí



www.RCDAS.org/adoptable-pets



Riverside
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Behavioral Health



MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE

NOW AVAILABLE 24/7

Call 951-686-HELP

No matter what time of day or night, you can rely on RUHS - Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Response for assistance. If you or someone you love is going through a behavioral health crisis, just call **951-686-HELP**. A compassionate professional is always available to answer your call and send a mobile crisis response unit to your location if necessary.

If you speak another language, language assistance services are available to you free of charge. Call 1-951-955-4148 (TTY: 711).



SPECIAL NEEDS REUNIFICATION PROGRAM

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Enroll today!

Riverside County Sheriff's Office Special Needs Reunification Program helps law enforcement locate missing individuals with disabilities such as autism and dementia, as well as those with behavioral health challenges.



Families can pre-register to provide a detailed physical description of their loved one, photographs, possible destinations, and suggested calming strategies. Deputies and dispatchers can immediately access the information at the time of a missing persons call, expediting a safe return.

The Special Needs Reunification Program is sponsored by the Riverside County Sheriff's Office and is supported by the Riverside University Health System.

THE GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO REUNIFY INDIVIDUALS WITH THEIR FAMILIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Register online or call any Sheriff's station for an in-person appointment.

For more information or to find a station near you, visit www.riversidesheriff.org.



Scan the QR Code to
register or learn more



bit.ly/RIVCOREUN



RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Requirements to Join

- Attend a high school within Riverside County
- Be able to attend bi-weekly meetings and service events
- Eager to make changes in your community

Open Recruitment!

Join the Riverside County Youth Commission today and learn how you can serve your community, gain leadership skills and make your voice heard. Serve on one of our five Youth Advisory Councils under the Board of Supervisors and become a leader of tomorrow!

Interested in joining?
Scan QR code to complete an interest form:



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www.rivcoyac.org