



Riverside County
Supervisor - 1st District
Jose Medina



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Hi Neighbor,

I am honored to serve as your Riverside County Supervisor and deeply appreciate this incredible community. As a longtime Riverside resident, my wife Linda and I are proud to call this area home.

Many of you may recall that my predecessor was known for his informative newsletters, which served as a vital link between local government and District 1 residents. I am committed to continuing this tradition, ensuring this newsletter remains a valuable resource for our community.

This publication is more than just county updates—it celebrates the people, businesses, and organizations that make our district unique. I'll highlight community leaders' efforts, recognize local businesses serving our neighborhoods, and showcase nonprofits making a difference. Additionally, I'll share important updates on policies, initiatives, and events that impact us all.

District 1 is home to diverse, hardworking, and passionate residents, and I want to ensure your voices are heard. Whether it's advocating for public safety, improving infrastructure, or supporting local economic development, my team and I are here to serve you. Through this newsletter, I aim to keep you informed and engaged, and I encourage you to share your stories and ideas with me.

With a background in education and public service, including serving as a teacher and as a member of the California State Assembly, I am dedicated to fostering growth and opportunity in our community. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected District 1. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to represent you, and I look forward to continuing this journey with you.

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Jose Medina
Riverside County Board of Supervisors, District 1

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POLICY & PRIORITIES

Supervisor Jose Medina is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Riverside County's First District.

His key priorities include:

- **Economic Growth:** Supporting local businesses and creating job opportunities.
- **Education:** Improving access to quality education and expanding college opportunities.
- **Healthcare:** Enhancing medical services and mental health support.
- **Affordable Housing:** Promoting the development of affordable housing and addressing homelessness.
- **Infrastructure:** Investing in transportation and sustainable infrastructure projects.
- **Transparency:** Ensuring open and efficient use of public funds.
- **Community Engagement:** Championing diversity, inclusion, and active collaboration with residents.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

30th Annual MLK Walk-A-Thon on Jan. 20 at Bordwell Park

On January 20th, Supervisor Medina attended the 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Walk-A-Thon, joining community members in honoring Dr. King's legacy of justice, unity, and service. Having participated in 25 of these walk-a-thons, Supervisor Medina's longstanding commitment to this event underscores his dedication to the community and the principles Dr. King championed. The event brought together families, leaders, and organizations in a powerful display of solidarity. Supervisor Medina had the opportunity to connect with residents, listen to their concerns, and reaffirm his commitment to uplifting the community. He looks forward to continuing the work of advocating for equity, inclusion, and meaningful change in Riverside County.



NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT



Family Promise of Riverside is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families facing homelessness achieve sustainable independence. By providing shelter, meals, and comprehensive support services, Family Promise ensures that families have the resources they need to regain stability.

Their unique model utilizes unused and underutilized faith based spaces to shelter families while working closely with faith-based and nonprofit organizations to organize their impact. Beyond immediate housing assistance, the organization offers job training, financial literacy programs, and long-term support to break the cycle of homelessness. Under the leadership of Executive Director Claire Jefferson-Glipa, Family Promise continues to be a beacon of hope, empowering families to build a secure and self-sufficient future.

*To be featured in the newsletter section spotlight, as a nonprofit, business or community connect, contact delliot@rivco.org

NORTON YOUNGLOVE

Honoring the Legacy of Norton Younglove: A True Champion of Riverside County

Albert Norton Younglove dedicated his life to public service, leaving an indelible mark on Riverside County and the Inland Empire. Born and raised in Riverside, his family's roots date back to the 1800s when his grandfather founded the Home Oil Company. After graduating from Riverside Poly High School in 1947 and serving in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the Korean War, Norton worked in both education and business before finding his true calling in public service.

His leadership on the Riverside City Council and Riverside County Board of Supervisors, where he served six consecutive terms, helped shape policies that continue to impact our community today. He played a key role in the establishment of the National Veterans Cemetery in Riverside (1976) and was a dedicated advocate for environmental policies, honored with a grove of orange trees at South Coast AQMD. Many also credit him with popularizing the term "Inland Empire", defining the region's identity.

Norton's legacy lives on through the institutions that bear his name:

- 🏠 Norton Younglove Community Center (Highgrove) – A hub for families, youth, and seniors.
- 👴 Norton Younglove Multipurpose Senior Center (Calimesa) – A space for enrichment and support.
- 🌿 Norton Younglove Reserve (Beaumont) – Preserving open space for future generations.

On Tuesday, February 25, 2025, Supervisor Medina closed the Board of Supervisors meeting in his honor, recognizing his lifelong dedication to the people of Riverside County.

Norton Younglove was a man of integrity, conviction, and kindness. His leadership was never about personal recognition but about building a better future for our community. His impact will never be forgotten.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming MAC Meetings Engage with your local Municipal Advisory Councils.

- **Mead Valley MAC Meeting**

- Date & Time: March 5, 6:00 PM
- Location: Charles G. Meigs Community Center & Park
21091 Rider Street, Mead Valley, CA 92570

- **Good Hope MAC Meeting**

- Date & Time: March 6, 6:00 PM
- Location: Moses-Schaffer Community Center
21565 Steel Peak Drive, Perris, CA 92570



MARCH EVENTS

- **YMCA Literacy Fair**

- Date & Time: March 5, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Location: 9254 Galena St., Riverside, CA 92509

- **Riverside County Arts & Culture Month Kick-off Event**

- Date & Time: March 6, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- Location: 3581 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA 92501

- **DPSS ASD Public Authority - Registry Recruitment (Jurupa Valley)**

- Date & Time: March 6, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Location: 5840 Mission St., Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

- **DPSS ASD Public Authority - Registry (Riverside)**

- Date & Time: March 11, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Location: 1325 Spruce St., Riverside, CA 92507

- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event (Mead Valley)**

- Date & Time: March 15, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Location: 21091 Rider St., Perris, CA 92570

- **Riverside Job Fair - HWS Workforce Development**

- Date & Time: March 27, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Location: 1425 Spruce St., Ste A, Riverside, CA 92507



YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



Supervisor Medina Encourages Residents to Share Input on County Budget Priorities

The County of Riverside is inviting residents to take part in shaping the future by providing input through the newly launched Community Budget Priorities Survey. This initiative allows residents to help guide how taxpayer dollars are allocated across county departments and services for the upcoming fiscal year.

“As your County Supervisor, I want to ensure that our budget reflects the real needs of the people we serve,” said Supervisor Jose Medina. “This survey is an opportunity for residents to have a direct say in county spending priorities. Your voice matters, and I encourage everyone to take a few moments to participate.”

The survey is part of an ongoing effort to increase transparency and public involvement in the budget process. Available in both English and Spanish, it allows participants to highlight the services and areas most important to their communities and indicate where funding should be increased or reduced.

In addition to the survey, the County will host five community budget workshops across Riverside County in early 2025. These workshops will provide residents with the chance to learn about the budget process, ask questions, and share their input before the County’s annual budget hearings in June. Details on workshop locations and dates will be released soon.

“The decisions we make on the budget impact every aspect of our community—from public safety and infrastructure to social services and economic development,” added Supervisor Medina. “I want to make sure that every resident has the opportunity to be heard and that our county investments reflect our shared priorities.”

The survey is open until March 2025, and feedback gathered will help shape the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2025.

Take the Survey & Make Your Voice Heard!

A link to the Community Budget Priorities Survey will be added to our District 1 website soon. In the meantime, residents can access the survey in English and Spanish at: rivco.org/budget-information.



For more updates, follow Supervisor Jose Medina’s office on social media and stay engaged in shaping Riverside County’s future!

MEET THE TEAM









Pictured Left to Right, Darlene Elliot, Lynn Anderson, Araceli Ruiz, Cesar Gomez, Supervisor Medina, Emilio Ramirez, Samuel Roberts, Aaron Dill
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How Can We Help You?

Our team is committed to assisting residents with county services, policy concerns, and community initiatives. If you need support with social services, public safety, transportation, or any other local issue, please reach out to the appropriate team member or email

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