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Kevin's Corner

Pennies On The Dollar - Each year you, your family, your friends, and local businesses located here in Riverside County pay your state income taxes. Those tax dollars are then allocated and spent via the adopted state budget and its regulatory formulas. Many of those tax dollars are directed to the 58 counties to carry out programs and services as mandated by the State. Riverside County is the fourth most populated county in the state (behind LA, Orange & San Diego). So how does Riverside County do when it comes to getting tax dollars back to support all the services mandated by the State? Well... we come in near the bottom in nearly every measured ranking (54 out of 58, 50 out of 58, 49 out of 58 for Mental Health funding) according to a firm that conducted a study for San Bernardino County. The only area we do well in is from the Prop 172 law enforcement sales tax (7th out of 58). So, as we are all donors to the rest of the state, I guess you can at least feel good knowing that you are helping millions of people in other counties.

Voter Validation - A group of civic-minded residents has been attending our Board meetings, expressing concerns about the election processes, and the accuracy of voter rolls, and the apparently high numbers of voters who appear to have moved or died that still show up as registered voters. This is particularly important now, since the COVID-era state law changes require every registered voter to receive a ballot by mail. In response to these concerns, the Registrar of Voters hired a credit reporting agency to review our entire list of voters to identify those who have moved or may be deceased. That agency identified 123,541 individuals who MAY have moved, and almost another 150,000 out of 1.34 million voter file records whose addresses "couldn't be validated". Good news, right? Well - partially. Some of these people may only be temporarily out of the county (temp job, military, college, etc), so we have to verify each voter independently, but this list does give us a good starting point. The bad news is, we are required by state law (Elections Code 2227) to receive an affirmative response from the voter that they have moved or no longer wish to be registered to vote in our County BEFORE we can remove them. We can send a post card to the new address, but if they do not confirm their voter status has changed, sign the post card, and mail it back, the state requires that we keep them listed as a registered voter and spend tax dollars mailing ballots to their old address FOREVER! It would seem to me that if they don't respond to the inquiry, they should be flagged and removed, particularly since a voter can now register to vote as late as Election Day if they had still wished to vote and were mistakenly disenrolled, but those are the rules the state has mandated for all 58 counties.

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Dead Man Voting? - The voter registration review also identified 1,080 potentially deceased registered voters county-wide, but it isn't clear to me whether state law also require the dead to respond to the post card affirmatively in order to remove them from the list. We'll keep digging!

Election Integrity Meetings - In response to voter concerns, the Board created both a Citizens' Election Advisory Committee (<https://rivco.org/election-advisory>), and an Ad Hoc Committee (consisting of Supervisors Karen Spiegel and Manuel Perez) to evaluate elections processes in Riverside County. The Ad Hoc Committee recently held a standing-room-only public meeting with the Registrar of Voters and community members to answer questions and discuss concerns. Their next meeting will be held on September 11th.

Future of March Air Reserve Base – The importance of the March Air Reserve Base both to our local economy and to national security cannot be overstated. The military almost completely walked away from the base in the mid-1990's, downsizing the base operations, and transferring significant acreage over to a local re-use commission known as the March Joint Powers Authority (March JPA). The remaining military mission was transferred to the Air Force Reserves and California Air National Guard. Fast forward a couple of decades and the world has dramatically changed. China has become a contentious world power in the Pacific, multiple military and national security related agencies now work out of the base, and the newest group of military aircraft was recently announced to be deployed at the base in the near future. The rebounding role of military operations at March ultimately increases the number of flight operations on the base, and the jobs that come with it. Meanwhile, at the same time, the base re-use commission (March JPA) is looking to significantly increase the civilian/commercial/private sector use of the military runway. When the future of the base was in question in 1997, the military agreed to allow up to 21,000 private sector-related flights (take offs and landings). But the world has changed. In my opinion, if the March JPA insists on expanding anywhere near the 21,000 flight maximum, it will almost certainly negatively impact the viability of the base for future military operations. For those sitting in the Pentagon evaluating which West Coast bases to invest in and preserve, March ARB would seemingly fall a number of notches or more. Some of you might be saying that not every military base needs to be preserved forever, and we could have a good debate over that issue. One undeniable concern or question then becomes – what would the former base be used for if the military packed-up? Today that proposed expanded use is for cargo flights. All that merchandise we buy online has to come from somewhere, land somewhere, and be stored somewhere (warehouses). How much more of the logistics industry do we need to host in western Riverside County? Choose wisely.

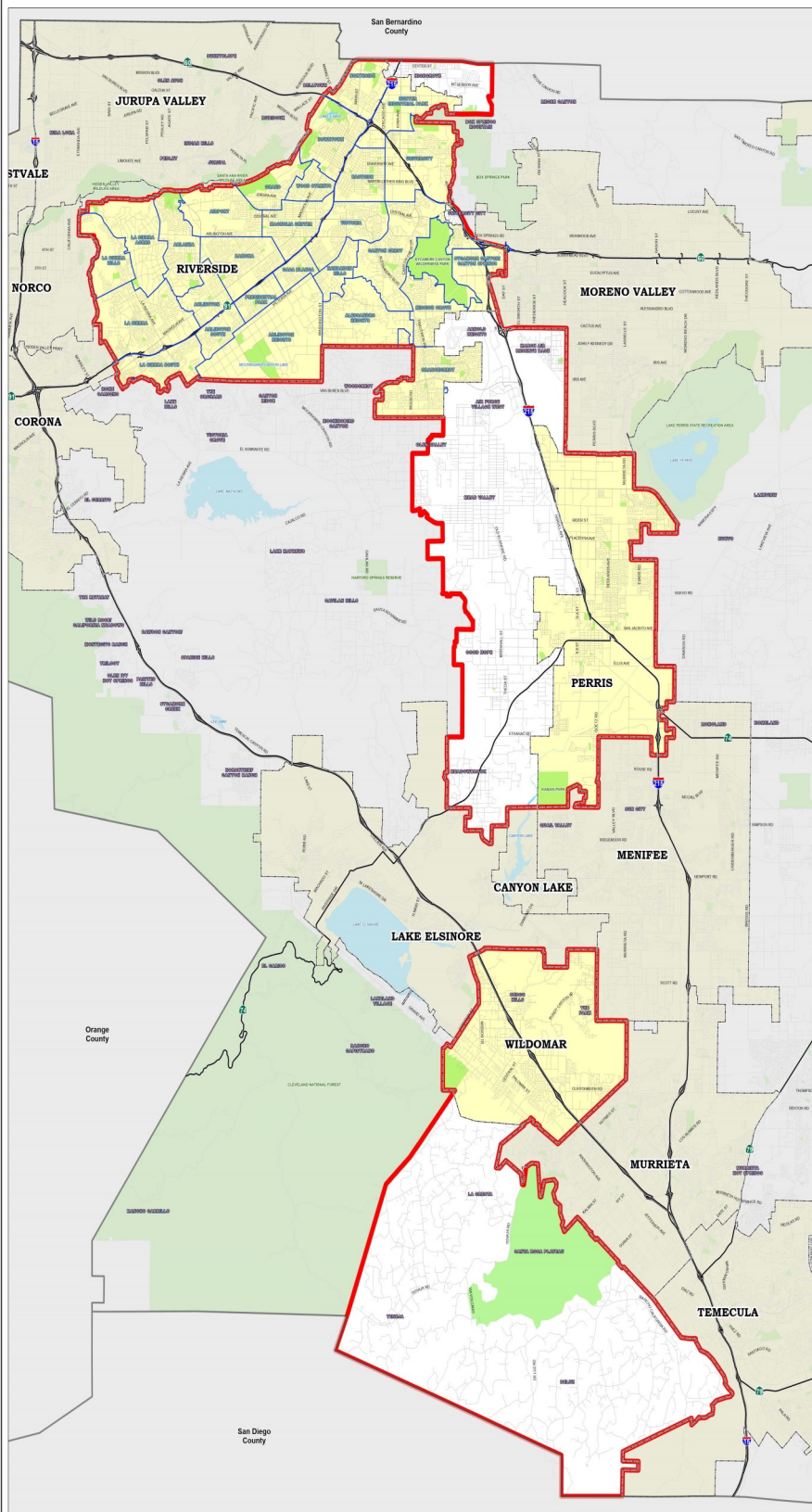
120 Days Left – That's how much time I have left to get things done, or at least have projects kicked-off that can be completed after I pack up on December 31st. As always – if you have suggestions, gripes or just need to vent about county services – feel free to drop me an email.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries

First District Supervisor

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. In 2022 the district was redrawn, and now covers the entirety of the cities of Riverside and Perris, as well as the unincorporated communities of Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, and the March Joint Powers Authority. In January 2025, the 1st District will also include portions of the City of Jurupa Valley.

- 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



As of April 2024, the lower area outlined in red, including City of Wildomar, La Cresta, De Luz, and Tenaja, has changed responsibility from our District to District 3, Supervisor Chuck Washington's office. His office can be reached at 951-955-1030 or District3@RivCo.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 below

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:

Behavioral Health One (1) Public Interest Member

Assessment Appeals Board - One (1) Alternate

Riverside County Flood Control - Commissioner - One (1) opening

First 5 Children & Families Advisory Committee— One (1) Member

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

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

Flood Control District—Riverside Area (One (1) Member)

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions please see the link below:

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

METROLINK

SENIORS/DISABLED/ MEDICARE

Receive 25% off multi-day passes and 50% off single-day tickets. Seniors ages 65 and over, and disabled/Medicare riders qualify for discount with proof of eligibility.



MOBILITY-4-ALL

Riders with a valid EBT card issued by the state of California are eligible for a 50% discount on any Metrolink ticket or pass. Valid on paper tickets purchased at ticket machines only.



STUDENT ADVENTURE PASS

Students ride free anywhere, anytime, with the Student Adventure Pass and a valid student ID. Download the mobile app to get on board.



CHILDREN

Ages 5 and under. Up to three children ride free with an adult using a valid ticket. Additional children pay youth fare.



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Families can take Metrolink to destinations across SoCal on a weekend day for only \$10 per adult, and kids ride free too (up to three with each paying adult).



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Receive 10% off One-Way and Round-Trip tickets. Please present a valid Common Access Card (CAC) to the fare inspector upon request.



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UPCOMING TOWN HALLS!

HOSTED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

MEAD VALLEY & GOOD HOPE TOWN HALL MEETING



Please join us to discuss important community issues with various County Agencies and meet our 1st District Supervisor!

MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
21091 Rider Street, Perris, CA 92570
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Invited Departments

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF CODE ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FIRE DEPARTMENT VETERANS SERVICES	PLANNING DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE OFFICE FLOOD CONTROL OFFICE ON AGING BUILDING AND SAFETY VECTOR CONTROL CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL	EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT MEAD VALLEY LIBRARY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WASTE MANAGEMENT (WM) DR. RIOS - CLINICA MEDICA FAMILIAR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
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Activities (will start after the meeting)
OPPORTUNITY DRAWING | CARNIVAL GAMES | LIVE BAND | FOOD TRUCKS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (951) 210-1580

HOSTED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

HIGHGROVE TOWN HALL MEETING






DISTRICT 1 HIGHGROVE TOWN HALL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER
459 Center St, Highgrove, CA 92507

Please join us to discuss important community issues with various county agencies and meet **OUR First District Supervisor!**

Invited Departments

Animal Services Auditor Controller Environmental Health Facilities Management Fire Department Highgrove Library Office of Aging RTA	Emergency Management Department Housing and Workforce Solutions Office of Economic Development Department of Public Social Services Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health Riverside University Health System - Public Health Assessor County Clerk Recorder	Sheriff Department Building and Safety Code Enforcement Planning Department Transportation Tax Collector Waste Management Veteran Services
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 951 955-1010

Our Town Hall Meetings are not to be missed! The head of nearly every Department (including Supervisor Jeffries) comes to update the community on the services they provide, and staff will be at tables representing nearly every department and local agency, so that attendees can ask their own questions and get answers before and after the event. Below are some pictures from previous town halls.



Highgrove Activities and Events

September 2024

The Norton BULLETIN

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SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS: CELEBRATE & ENGAGE

"Hey everyone, it's Leila from Norton Younglove Community Center! September is packed with exciting events and observances that I can't wait to share with you. First up, Labor Day on September 2nd is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the incredible contributions of American workers. Then, on September 5th, we have the International Day of Charity – a perfect time to donate or volunteer at our center and make a real difference in our community. September 21st is the International Day of Peace, and let's also focus on achieving 'peace of mind' by promoting mental health awareness. The first day of autumn, September 22nd, brings the beauty of fall, and it's also National Preparedness Month, so let's get ready for any emergencies together. And don't forget to join our lively ZUMBA CLASSES with Letty – it's a fun and energetic way to stay fit and connect with others. THE HIGHGROVE SUNSET MARKET will NOT be on 2nd Saturday, instead it will be on Sept 21st Don't miss out on this exciting event! Our food programs USDA Food Distribution will be on Sept 28th, and Joy of Giving on Sept 29th. Looking forward to seeing you all at the center and making September amazing!

With love,

Leila S.

Center's Manager

STAY CONNECTED: OUR DIGITAL REVIVAL!

Exciting news, everyone! We're thrilled to announce the reactivation of our official website. Our website is now your go-to hub for all things like updates, activities, events, and resources. Plus, we're back on social media, ready to engage with you on Facebook, Instagram, and X (Twitter). Follow us for real-time updates, community stories, and interactive content. Stay connected and be part of our vibrant, supportive community online. You can easily access our website by scanning the QR code on the right!



PHONE: 951-241-7221 ADDRESS: 459 CENTER ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92507

OPENING HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM TO 4PM FRIDAY 8AM TO 2PM

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Fraud Hotline 24/7
Against Fraud, Waste & Abuse



Fraud Hotline (Lighthouse)

Anonymous and confidential third-party reporting system – Available 24/7
Administered by the Auditor-Controller's Office



The County of Riverside is committed to maintaining the highest level of ethics and integrity in all county operations. **Fraud Hotline 24/7** was developed to engage the participation of employees and the public to help meet this commitment. You can help the county eliminate fraud, waste and abuse by using **Fraud Hotline 24/7** to report your concerns.

AREAS OF CONCERN REPORTABLE TO THE FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE HOTLINE

- ✓ Fraud
- ✓ Waste
- ✓ Abuse
- ✓ Vandalism and Sabotage
- ✓ Ethics Violations
- ✓ Theft
- ✓ Misuse of county equipment
- ✓ Unsafe working conditions
- ✓ Conflict of interest – bribery

USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TOOLS TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

- Website: www.lighthouse-services.com/rivco
- Telephone: (833) 590-0004
- Auditor-Controller: www.auditorcontroller.org under "Quick Links"
- E-Mail: reports@lighthouse-service.com (include company name with report)

For any Human Resources (HR) related matters, please contact HR directly at (951) 955-3500 or employee-relations@rc-hr.com

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Two ways to contact the HR Hotline:

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HR Directors are available for
Riverside County Employers
Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

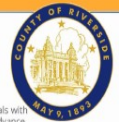
Email:



Scanning the QR code with your smartphone opens an email that will be sent directly to the HR hotline.




The WDC is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aides and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Please call 951.955.3100, 951.955.9050 TTY: CA Relay 711, or * ADACoordinator@rivcoeda.org 5 to 7 days in advance.



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Time spent in outdoor spaces improves physical, social, spiritual, and emotional health. The RivCoParks Library Pass program is a collaboration between RivCoParks and local libraries aimed at promoting literacy, outdoor recreation, and community engagement. Through this program, individuals and families gain access to a variety of benefits, including free admission to RivCoParks sites, special events, and educational programs.

For more information, including participating libraries, visit here: <https://rivcoparks.org/library-park-pass>



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A **FREE** TOWN HALL MEETING

Embrace the change, opportunity and challenge that comes with growing older and wiser! This town hall will feature a discussion with experts about essential tips for avoiding consumer scams, finding services, making long-term care plans, maintaining a physically and emotionally healthy lifestyle, and preventing elder abuse.

Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 11 am (doors open at 10)
**Riverside County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon St., First Floor Board Chambers in Riverside**




HIGHGROVE LIBRARY

**FAMILY ARTS &
CRAFTS**

**Saturday, September 14 & 28
1:00pm to 2:00pm**

Supplies are limited, so please sign up in advance by phone or in-person!

September 14: Painting
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