SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT #1



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Kevin's Corner

Whenever I get frustrated with the financial condition and spending priorities of our county government, or the rut that our county government seems to be in ("because, Mr. Supervisor we've always done it this way..."), I need only watch a few minutes of the sand-box Presidential campaigning to realize that my most frustrating day in local government will still always be better than my odds of ever fixing anything at the federal level.

To be sure, we have notable problems at the county level, some caused by expensive State mandates, and some caused by don't rock-the-boat philosophies. However, I have to believe that a combination of <u>determination</u> (some call it stubbornness), <u>strong fiscal management</u> (some call it being a tightwad) and a demand that government be efficient & accountable (some call this unreasonable) will ultimately prevail in fixing our local government and the services it provides (or doesn't) to our neighborhoods.

While I regularly find myself being in the minority of supporting "tightwad" or "unreasonable" positions (as defined above), I would like to think that the residents and taxpayers of Riverside County and the First District are seeing some achievements or improvements that include:

- The painful, but badly needed widening of the 91 Freeway from Corona to Riverside
- Some widening of a portion of the 15 Freeway (with much more still needed in the future)
- Long overdue grading and/or paving of residential streets (with much more needed)
 - Laying the groundwork for a walking trail from Corona to Lake Elsinore
 - Improving community centers and parks in Goodhope and Mead Valley
 - Opening a community center in Lakeland Village
 - Requiring all large proposed development projects to post Public Notice signs on the site Televising/live-streaming of more government agency meetings
 - Funding for the initial efforts to ultimately widen Calajco Road from the 215 freeway to the 15 freeway
 - Laying the groundwork to widen Temescal Canyon Road from El Cerrito to Lake Elsinore
 - Increased Sheriff Department staffing (from the devastating cuts during the great recession)
 - Re-Organized the county hospital that was losing roughly one million dollars a week!
 - Working with Riverside City & UCR to improve public access to the "C" Trail (Box Springs Mountain)
 - Targeted future widening improvements to Van Buren Blvd in Woodcrest

The above is only the tip of the iceberg of what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done, and some are admittedly moving painfully slow (which is another reform challenge), but I will continue to demand that your tax dollars are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.

As always - we welcome your input and suggestions to help improve our county and its services.

Respectfully, Kevin Jeffries

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EASTER EVENTS IN DISTRICT #1





Over 1500 attended Easter Festivities at Deleo Regional Park. It was a blast for everyone who attended. Games and goodies for all the kids too! (above)





Meanwhile our Easter event at Mead Valley drew over 3000 local residents to enjoy music, egg hunt, vendors and more!

Local students from Citrus Hill HS and Tomas Rivera MS performed as did a local Ballet Folklorico group.

This was truly a community event you will not want to miss next year! Thank you to everyone who helped support our event.

County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

Each month, the Jeffries Journal will highlight one of the Supervisor's nearly 100 appointees on Boards and Commissions in the county, to provide an insight into the kind of service opportunities that exist, and the people who have chosen to serve.

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Les Douty, Vice-Chairman



What does my board do?

I have served on the Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) since 2008. The Woodcrest MAC I serve on is your link to your County Supervisor. We hear from community services like the Sheriff's department, Fire Department, Code Enforcement, and many others organizations. Presentations are regularly given by County Departments, and other entities like the Western Municipal Water District and Southern California Edison. We also have discussions and address concerns about traffic on local roads and community growth/planning issues.

What interested you in serving on the board?

I have enjoyed being on the MAC Board, it allows me to meet my neighbors and stay abreast of what's changing in my community. We meet on the second Thursday of the odd months at 6:00 PM at the

Woodcrest Library. As you may know, most of Woodcrest is unincorporated and comes under County Supervisors, specifically District One Supervisor Kevin Jeffries. This is the place to make sure he hears your issues. Join Us!





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Supervisor Success Stories



Each month this column will highlight recent successes in Supervisor Jeffries' Office, whether it is assistance for a single citizen dealing with the county bureaucracy, a change in county policy to improve our community, or a promise kept by the Supervisor.

Good Hope Area "Stops" Get An Upgrade

Recently our County Transportation department embarked on an effort to repaint several of the "stops" in the Good Hope area. In addition to the repainted stops, new "Fire Station" signs went up and "Welcome to Good Hope" signs are on the way as well. Area residents were happy to welcome the much needed improvements to the community.



Funds For Cajalco Road Widening Allocated

At the March 29th, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting a Form 11 (item 3-31) was Approved which allocated funds towards the beginning of the much needed Cajalco Widening Project. It is important to note this is only the first step of many which will ultimately provide a much needed link for residents and business owners traveling East/ West between the I15 & I215 freeways.



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RTA Adds Much Needed Trash Cans

At a recent community meeting residents asked our office if it would be possible to have trash cans installed at the local RTA bus stop at Van Buren & Rancho Caballero so to encourage those riding the bus to utilize the trash can rather than the area around the stop. After reaching out to RTA, they promptly added two trash cans, one for each stop (west and east bound).



Local Substandard Barn Demolished

Residents in the Good Hope / Meadowbrook area may have noticed that the red barn and hay building on Hwy 74 & Richards were demolished. Operating as a marijuana dispensary for some time, it was then abandoned after Code Enforcement was able to evict the tenants. It quickly became an eyesore with graffiti all over and illegal dumping taking place.

After much work, both buildings have now been demolished and are in the process of being cleaned up by the property owner. Many thanks go out to our Code Enforcement and County Counsel Departments for all their diligent work in assisting us to clean up the community.



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Non Profit Spotlight HOPE COLLABORATIVE

HOPE Collaborative – April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The mission of the HOPE Collaborative is to promote the safety of children and prevent abuse and neglect in Riverside County. As the Child Abuse Prevention Council representing the County of



Riverside, HOPE Collaborative unites representatives from law enforcement, educational institutions, medical services, mental health professionals, faith-based groups, the Department of Public Social Services and community volunteers to provide public outreach, education and professional training opportunities countywide.

The HOPE Collaborative encourages community support and engagement in child abuse prevention activities. There are many ways that community members can become involved in child abuse prevention. These range from participating as a member of the regional collaborative, to participating as a volunteer at an awareness event or fundraising event for the HOPE collaborative.

For more information on becoming a community support member please visit their website at <u>http://www.hopecollaborative.org/</u> or call 951-686-1096.



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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16th Annual



Saturday May 21st 11a.m. - 4p.m.



Free Admission for Everyone

GROWING WITH PRIDE

Come and learn more about Temescal Valley's heritage, history, and future, the Temescal Heritage Foundation, and the We Are TV Citizens Group.



Nightshift performs Classic Rock

DID YOU KNOW?



Free Crafts for the kids

Temescal Valley was home to Native Americans, Spanish and Mexican settlers, and English-speaking pioneers long before the cities of Corona and Riverside were established.

Riverside County's First Adobe was located in Temescal Valley. Built almost 200 years ago by Leandro Serrano, son of a soldier in Father Junipero Serra's first expedition into California.



The famous Butterfield Overland Stage, which ran from Saint Louis to San Francisco, stopped at Greenwades Station just four miles north of Glen Ivy.

Raising money for a Buddy Bench

Wyatt Earp's father, Nick, helped chase grizzly bears away from beehives at Greenwade's Station. Encounters with the grizzlies, cinnamon bears, raccoons, lynxes, and cougars were common among travelers and settlers here.

Deleo Regional Sports Park is named in honor of Joyce Deleo, a Temescal Valley civic leader and founder of the Community Faire, who pased away in 2011.



Joyce Deleo

GET INFORMATION

The Faire is a great opportunity to talk to local officials, businesses and developers, see what future amenities are planned for the community and get informed on services and benefits available in your neighborhood.

MEET WITH



Supervisor Kevin Jeffries State Assembly and Senate Representatives Local Service Providers Local Businesses Local Developers Temescal Heritage Foundation Temescal Valley MAC We Are Temescal Valley

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