# SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT #1



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### Kevin's Corner

Let's start off with some good news.....

A Leader - In 1957, the rural community of Good Hope (between Lake Elsinore and Perris) welcomed a husband and wife with four daughters to the quiet community. The wife immediately got involved and became an advocate for the community. Over the years and decades, she successfully advocated for a local elementary school, water lines, a local fire station, and a community center. She worked tirelessly to provide resources for the elderly and needy in the community. She coordinated a free food program for low- income residents for nearly 35 years. The community center was even named in part after her. Just a few weeks ago a celebration was held to honor her in conjunction with local African American history. So, you ask, what is so special about someone who works hard and gives back to their local community? Well, this special person, who is still engaged in her community, is Mrs. Willie Moses and she just turned 100 years young! Happy Birthday and Thank You to Mrs. Moses!!

Just a Little More Please – with nearly 20 years of drought impacting our county and region, an old idea to "augment" Mother Nature is back on the table. The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (a bunch of water districts working together) has been investigating the science and history of "Cloud Seeding." The science reportedly says such efforts can increase output (rainfall) by 5-10%. Lots of details are pending. Stay tuned. More info on SAWPA: <a href="www.SAWPA.org">www.SAWPA.org</a> Link to presentation on Cloud Seeding: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a> v=y6duR7TdfUw

Local Control – While I'm sure the County (and State) would love to have them come back into the larger organization someday, recently the city of Canyon Lake opted-out of the State / County / multi-city cooperative fire protection program and instead decided to establish their own city fire department. They are very proud of the new department they have assembled with fully paid staff, a minimum of three-person staffing at all times (which includes paramedic firefighters) and a robust Volunteer Reserve program to augment the full-time professionals. When all the start-up costs and ongoing costs are tallied up, I'm not certain it will actually save the City any money compared to the previous contract with the County & State (however the State CAL FIRE contract price is increasing by roughly \$20 million this year to the County and contracting cities), but they will enjoy direct local control over staffing and their budget.

Where Are the Workers? – I have been meeting with County Department Heads for several months to gauge how things are going, both under the leadership of our new County CEO and in this new social-economic reality of retirements and the competitive employment environment. The good news is, our new CEO is building strong support from the troops, cooperating agencies, and labor leaders, with his open-door, dig-deep efforts into how to improve services, customer service, and

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still be cost effective. The bad news is, the County is having trouble attracting and retaining new employees because of competing wage and benefit offers from others (both public and private sector). With roughly 23,000 employees, there are many challenges keeping everyone rowing the same direction toward serving the public. And while the message from the CEO can get distorted as it filters down the food chain, I feel confident that despite a few of those who are retired-on-the-job, or those who are resistant to change, your county government is truly working to improve our communities (yes, despite all the challenges we have in California with 39 million residents). If you are looking for a new career and want to work near home, please take a look at the many job listings in nearly every department at: <a href="https://rc-hr.com/Find-A-Job/Job-Searching/County-Job-Openings">https://rc-hr.com/Find-A-Job/Job-Searching/County-Job-Openings</a>

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries

P.S. On this morning's Board agenda is approval to fund a bicycle skills park at the Deleo Regional Sports Park in Temescal Valley, a Library at the Lakeland Village Community Center, and to build a new park (with walking trails, pickleball courts, etc) at the Woodcrest Library and Park site.

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

In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient of IHSS Services—One (I) opening

Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (I) opening

**Lakeland Village Community Advisory Council**— One (I) Alternate

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (I) Alternate

First 5 Advisory Committee – One (I) opening

Riverside County Flood Control Commission—Zone I and Zone 3—Two openings, one in each Zone (see map: www.rcflood.org/About-the-District/District-Zones-2021)

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## **Non-Profit Spotlight**



Founded in 2012, Red Zone, Inc. was organized with the mission of providing quality coaching and sports summer camps to underserved communities. Starting the first year with 33 players, the program has grown to 450 players. In 2018, Red Zone, moved its summer camps to Citrus Hills High School in Mead Valley due to the need for a larger facility and more space to accommodate the growing demand for the camps.

Red Zone, Inc. offers coaching and summer camps for basketball, soccer and flag football, for ages 6-14 at no cost to the participants. The camps offer players to develop confidence, acquire and hone skills, learn the principles of teamwork and experience an environment based on value of character and having fun.

For more information or to contact them:

https://www.redzonecamps.com/ redzonedirector@gmail.com or call (909) 528-9018.



#### 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. Page 4 Jeffries Journal

### **Court Now Accepting Civil Grand Juror Applications**

The Riverside County Superior Court is now accepting applications from qualified citizens interested in being nominated to serve as civil grand jurors for the time period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. A daily stipend, plus mileage is paid.

Duties include, but are not limited to, investigating the operations of county government, researching matters of civic concern, and inquiring into public offenses.

For more information about the Grand Jury and to access the application, please visit: https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/Divisions/GrandJury/grand-jury.php

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Serve on the 2022-2023

## **Riverside County Civil Grand Jury**

- Ensure that county, city and local government agencies operate responsibly, legally, and ethically.
- Improve local government with your recommendations.
- · Respond to citizen complaints about local government.
- · Assure that our local tax dollars are spent wisely.
- Evaluate conditions at our county's jails and prisons.

Information: www.riverside.courts.ca.gov or 951-777-3644
Application deadline: April 01, 2022



#### Qualifications:

1 yr. Resident of Riverside County • U. S. Citizen • 18 or older

Knowledge of English • Sound judgment and character

Daily stipend plus mileage and parking

The role of a Grand Jury differs substantially from that of a trial jury. It is a fulltime assignment. Duties of the Civil Grand Jury include: To act as the public's watchdog by investigating and reporting upon the affairs of local government; weigh allegations of misconduct against public officials and determine whether to present formal accusations; review and act upon letters or complaints from citizens of Riverside County. Jury members take the oath of office on July 1, 2022, meet four days per week in downtown Riverside, and serve for one year.

Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.

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## Local District #1 Events

## Virtual Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Harford Springs Reserve Equestrian Staging Area

Riverside County Parks recorded a Virtual Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the all new Harford Springs Reserve Equestrian Staging Area, your new access point to the beautiful reserve in the rugged Gavilan Hills of Perris, California. To watch the video and see what the property has to offer, go to: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPEu4XleEmw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPEu4XleEmw</a>





#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Virtual Consultation Meeting for the Development of the Draft Plan for the Administration of Elections
Conducted Pursuant to the Voter's Choice Act

For Interested Residents, Representatives from the Disability Community and Community Organizations and Individuals that Advocate on Behalf of, or Provide Services to, Individuals with Disabilities

The Riverside County Registrar of Voters invites interested residents, including representatives and advocates of the County's disability communities, to provide consultation and input on the development of the County's draft Election Administration Plan. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the virtual meeting on March 9, 2022.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a forum for public input on the development of the County's draft Election Administration Plan.

Meeting Date: March 9, 2022 Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87098708597?pwd=Z2p6cXlaYzJEUmU1N0xjMHU4VWhGZz09

Meeting ID: 870 9870 8597

Passcode: 487519

Requests for documents in accessible formats, interpreting services, or other accommodations should be made by calling the Riverside County Registrar of Voters at (951) 486-7330 or by emailing your request to rovweb@rivco.org no later than five working days prior to the meeting.

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## Local District #1 Events

#### Mead Valley Senior Center Black History Month Celebration

The seniors at the Mead Valley Senior Center celebrated Black History Month on February 10th with a presentation about the rich cultural heritage; triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history. Seniors were also treated to delicious snacks and refreshing beverages, and Dr. Norman Towels and Juanita Barnes were recognized by the State Senate for their efforts to promote and preserve Black history. Many thanks to Yolonda and Gilbert Williams who did an amazing job organizing this event.





#### Good Hope Celebrates Ms. Moses 100th Birthday Celebration

On February 18th, we had the opportunity to celebrate Ms. Moses's 100th birthday. This event was held at our Good Hope Moses Schaffer Community Center. In this celebration, different officials from the County of Riverside, the city of Perris and the State of California had the opportunity to recognize the great work that Ms. Moses has dedicated to her







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## Local District #1 Events

## Pizza in the Park with the Sheriff Department at Perret Park in Lakeland Village - 2/27/2022









### Canyon Lake Fire Station Grand Opening Celebration—2/26/2022





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## Lakeland Village Community Clean Up

WHEN

Saturday, March 26, 2022 8am until 12 noon

WHERE

Lakeland Village Community Center 16275 Grand Ave. Lake Elsinore

For further info please visit https://www.rcwaste.org/where/ccu or call Riv County Dep. Of Waste Resources (951) 486-3200

#### **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Furniture • Appliances • Tree Limbs and Branches Computers • TVs • Monitors • Printers

#### NON ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Auto Parts • Dirt • Rocks • Concrete • Manure • Propane Tanks
Paint • Oil • Solvents • Pesticides • Antifreeze • Batteries
Fluorescent bulbs • Household Hazardous Waste



## **Grand Ave Cleanup**

Come out and help your neighbors clean up Grand Ave from Corydon to Riverside Dr. Will need lots of volunteers to make this happen. Bags and vests will be provided.

For more information and to volunteer send email to grandavecleanup@gmail.com



Saturday Mar 26, 2022

8AM - 12PM

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In celebration of our
45-year anniversary, all
customers pay just 25c to ride
RTA buses anywhere we go,
anytime we operatel Plus,
Dial-Ride passengers ride for
just \$1 per zone, and youth and
students from participating
colleges ride free. And yes, you
can use the Token Transit app
to pay the special fare.

QUARTER FARES ARE AVAILABLE MARCH 1 THROUGH APRIL 30.

Visit RiversideTransit.com for details.



#### COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

#### **MICROBUSINESS COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM**



#### ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- Payroll/Employee Retention
- Working Capital
- Purchase of Personal Protective
- Rent or Mortgage Payments









#### \$2,500 GRANTS

#### APPLY AT WWW.RIVCOBIZHELP.ORG

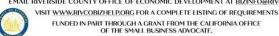
Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis

Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2022 at 5pm or until funds are exhausted.

#### **ELIGIBLE MICROBUSINESSES**

Applicants will be notified within 14 business day rom point of application submittal as to approv

EMAIL RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT BIZINFO@RIVCO.ORG







#### Where are the loans available?

RESTART loans are available to sses located <u>anywhere</u> in the

#### **ELIGIBLE BUSINESS TYPES**

- Private for profit
  Businesses with 25 or fewer
- mum 2 year operating history

#### INELIGIBLE BUSINESS TYPES

- Residential or real estate projects
- Non-profit companies or public Casinos/gambling establishments Adult-entertainment related
- Cannabis related businesses









The County of Riverside & AmPac Business Capital are partnering to provide emergency and ongoing capital for small businesses in Riverside County!

#### WHERE DO I APPLY?

Visit the website or scan the QR code

www.RivCoBizHelp.org

#### RESTART LOANS (\$15,000-\$30,000)

- Interest Rate: 3.75%
- Term: 5 years (60 months)
  No payments for the first six months

FEE: Fees are financed into the loan

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- No minimum credit score though credit score will be considered based on payment history and a credit report will be pulled
- Payroll records documenting existing payroll
- Three years of business and/or personal tax returns, including 2018, 2019 and 2020. Year-end 2021 financial statements will also be required.
- Statement of COVID-19 impact (checklist provided)

For more information, call or email: AmPac Business Capital 909.915.1706 | RivCounty@AmPac.com

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RKROSS@RIVCO.ORG OR 951.955.4816

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CALTRANS HIRING EVENTS COME FIND OUT ABOUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT CAL TRANS!

Join us at the Moreno Valley Business & Employment Resource Center for a presentation where we will discuss all the different job opportunities at Caltrans, the requirements for the application process, and how to apply to the state and benefits.

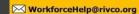
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- FEBRUARY 3
- APRIL 7
- JUNE 2
- AUGUST 4
- OCTOBER 6
- DECEMBER 1

**REGISTER HERE** 







For additional information, www.rivcoworkforce.com



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- ✓ Veterans Services ✓ Labor Market Info



SHERIFF'S RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT



# D HIRING EVE

## **SAT, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> 8 AM - 1 PM**

**Ben Clark Training Center** 16791 Davis Ave. Riverside, CA 92518

Learn about career opportunities such as Office Assistant, Food Service Worker, Sheriff Corrections Assistant, and more!

Apply to become a Deputy Sheriff Trainee or Correctional Deputy. Take the written exam, physical agility test, and begin the background process all in one day!

Scan the QR code to register for event.



