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Kevin's Corner

Young Adults May Have a Door – Some of you know that our County and most of our cities contract with the State agency CAL FIRE for our emergency fire and EMS services. Riverside County Fire and CAL FIRE have been partners since at least the 1940s. In years past, many local CAL FIRE employees started their careers as Riverside County Volunteer Firefighters. Before I was elected to the Board of Supervisors, the Fire Chief at the time proposed to disband the long-standing volunteer firefighter program and replace it with an underutilized Reserve program. The Board back then agreed, and unwittingly started closing fire service employment doors for young men and women. Fast forward to a new Board and a new Fire Chief and pathways are reopening again. County Fire has partnered with the County Workforce Development Centers, Riverside Community College District, and American Medical Response (AMR) to open a pathway for our Volunteer Reserve Firefighters, Explorer Firefighters, and local college students to obtain training, certifications and firsthand experience necessary to land a fire service or paramedic job, many fully paid for by the County. For more info go to: https://rvcfire.org/employment

Speaking of Jobs – The shortage of applicants seeking jobs is hitting the County and State very hard. CHP, CAL FIRE, OES and other State agencies (including the USFS) reportedly have thousands of vacancies across our State. Riverside County is not immune to this shortage. Vacant county positions are having a real impact at the customer service counters of many county agencies. Our office receives the phone calls of upset First District constituents waiting for overdue inspections, plans, permits, or just a return phone call from a department. The Board of Supervisors has directed the County CEO and his team to do a deep dive into this problem and determine what we can do to make some improvements (that will likely come with a steep price tag). My philosophy has been that we are going to have to pay our employees more (to recruit & retain quality staff), but because we don't print our own money, we may have better compensated employees, but there will likely be fewer total employees in noncritical positions/functions. How to triage those will be the next struggle. There are many good county jobs available at this link here:

<u>https://www.rc-hr.com/Find-A-Job/Job-Searching/County-Job-Openings</u> See also, the job opportunity flyers on Page 12.

Analysis Paralysis Part 2 – Last month, I reported on the inability of various departments to streamline their longstanding bureaucratic traditions of taking years to approve community infrastructure projects. I wish I had some good news to share today, but I am beginning to think that in roughly 24 months or so Riverside County will be returning some of its grant funds back to the federal government because of the excessive delays. While some delays are caused by ancient internal processes (study everything to death) others are caused by labor and supply shortages. This impacts everything from new streetlights, water & sewer lines,

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sidewalks, streets, etc. Another area that appears to be delayed despite millions of dollars coming from the State and Feds is the delivery of affordable and accessible broadband services to low-income communities. It looks like this one is also going to take years to roll out. More to come!

Respectfully, Kevin Jeffries



Non-Profit Spotlight

The Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP Riverside) is seeking volunteers to serve on its Community Action Commission (CAC) to represent the low-income populations of our county. If you are passionate about seeking solutions to poverty and collaborating with others as the voice of your community, this volunteer opportunity is for you!



Opportunities Available

District 1, 2 & 5: Alternate Commissioner District 2: Low-Income Representative

Commitment

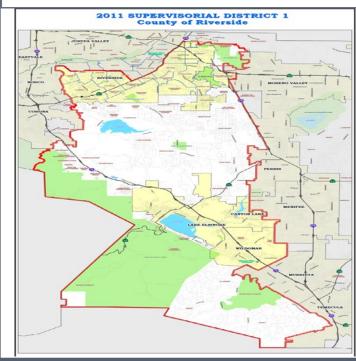
Time: Monthly meetings. Mandatory: Complete background check and orientation. Representation: Attend a couple of key events as ambassadors for our mission.

Eligibility

Applicants must live in Riverside County and be members or representatives of low-income communities (representatives do not have to be low-income themselves).

Application Deadline: September 6, 2022, by 11:59 PM.

Online - directly at Community Action Commission's website: <u>www.capriverside.org</u> Paper applications - contact David Escobar at <u>descobar@rivco.org</u> mail/drop off at 2038 Iowa Ave., Suite B-102, Riverside, CA 92507



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.

First District Boards & Commission Openings



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 <u>www.RivCoDistrict1.com</u> (Application is the Boards & Commissions section)

Return your application to District I@RivCo.org

Questions: call 951-955-1010

CURRENT OPENINGS:

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

Lakeland Village Community Advisory Council (CAC) — One (1) Alternate

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Alternate

Advisory Council of Aging- One (1) Opening

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

Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening

Riverside County Flood Control Commission— Zone 1 One opening (see map: www.rcflood.org/About-the-District/District-Zones-2021)

Community Action Partnership—One (1) Alternate *See Page 3



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YAC Youth Retreat

On August 4th, the Riverside County Youth Commission presented the Annual Retreat at the Crestmore Manor Carriage House located in Jurupa Valley. The retreat was filled with great speakers and workshops. The students had a chance to interact with their fellow council members and the council members from other districts, through team building games and activities. Thank you to our Riverside County YAC interns Jordan Morris (District 1), Jackie Armenta (District 2), Perla Elizalde (District 4), Valeria Enciso (District 5), and Rachel Babcock, the Youth Commission Program Coordinator, for making this year's Youth Retreat fun, motivational, and welcoming to all the new council members.





Gavilan Road Safety Improvement

The intersection of Gavilan Road and Lake Mathews Road now has an all way stop at this three-way T-intersection. The stop signs were installed at the end of July. A traffic safety review of that intersection was completed at the end of May and showed that data and existing field conditions recommend an all way stop at this dangerous intersection.





Community Residents Clean Up Grand Avenue in Lakeland Village

Big Thank You!! A local men's church group (located near the big red barn on Grand Ave) was out in force on a recent Saturday morning helping clean-up trash along a portion of Grand Ave. This is very much appreciated - Thank you!







Mead Valley Community Activities

Senior Center 50's Party

On Friday, August 5th the Seniors at Mead Valley went back in time with a 50's party. This event was a lot of fun, and the seniors had the opportunity to dance, play games, participate in raffles, and of course, enjoy delicious food and refreshing drinks. A special thanks to the center staff for putting together this amazing event for seniors.

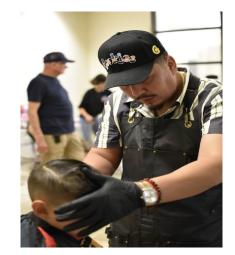






Backpack Giveaway

Huge THANK YOU to the Grove Church, operators of the Mead Valley Community Center & Park in Mead Valley. The recent Back to School Back Pack event was attended by HUNDREDS of families. Free haircuts, food, and games were all made available to our local community.









The life you've built is worth protecting. That's why we encourage everyone to prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.

September is National Preparedness Month and the theme for 2022 is "*A Lasting Legacy*." Being prepared for emergencies is critical to your resilience. National Preparedness Month is a time to take action and review your preparedness for emergencies like fires, floods, terrorism, earthquakes and even pandemic.

All it takes is four simple steps --Have a Plan, Make a Kit, Get Informed and Get Involved

- **Have a Plan** we can't bury our heads in the sand and ignore that disasters like, fires, floods and earthquakes happen every year. Apply some of what you've learned from the COVID pandemic to a plan for your family.
- Make a Kit we've all seen what happens when people think supplies are going to run out. Have enough supplies to sustain you and your family for 7-10 days.
- **Get Informed** know where to get good, valid information for your local area. Part of being informed includes signing up for the local alerting system, Alert RivCo at www.RivCoReady.org/AlertRivCo.
- Get involved During many emergencies there is often a need for volunteers. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training teaches you how to help your family and your community during disasters. You can find more information and a free CERT class near you at, RivCoCERT.org. CERT is just one of many programs that will help you help your community during times of need.

Find more preparedness information at <u>https://RivCoReady.org</u>

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PURCHASING



BECOME A COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

PREQUALIFIED VENDOR

With the County of Riverside Purchasing and Fleet Services

The County of Riverside provides various opportunities for contractors to become Prequalified Vendors for both Formal and Informal

Public Works Projects.

What is the benefit of being approved as a prequalified Contractor?

- Informal public projects allow project managers to contact companies on the approved "All Projects under \$200,000" list directly for projects under \$60,000 with no competitive bidding required and/or companies on the "Exclusive Small Projects" list who do projects under \$25,000 directly.
- The "Exclusive Small Projects" do not require contractor registration with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) nor project registration or project bonds.

How long is a contractor's Pre-qualification valid for informal public projects?

- Qualifications begin each year on January 1, but applications are accepted year round
- Contractors must fully complete the prequalification package and provide all documents requested just one time.
- The contractor's prequalification status will remain current from the date of accepted qualification through December 31 of each year.
- Once approved, Contractors will be notified before the year ends requesting that they renew for the new upcoming year.

Become a County of Riverside Prequalified Contractor Today!

Follow the link below to review the instructions and complete the application process.

https://www.purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us/Vendors.aspx



Riverside County Library System Updates

September is a busy month with the Riverside County Library System! It's Service Animal Month and we have furry friends visiting each district for storytimes and special events. Check on our website to find an event near you.

September is also Library Card Sign up month, and we have set ourselves the goal of signing up 2022 people with library cards for 2022. Get the whole family involved and take a picture with our giant library card to celebrate! Keep track of our progress on social media and join us as we try to hit our goal.



The Program will utilize \$10,000,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for approved business improvements in responding to the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 and will fund up to 100% of the total approved project costs for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per approved applicant. Apply today at www.rivcoed.org/brp

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Small Private For-Profit with fewer than fifty(50) employees including sole proprietorships, independent contractors, owners and owners on behalf of tenants. For a complete list of ineligible businesses, please see the Business Revitalization Program Guidelines
- Business must be located in the unincorporated communities of Riverside County



SCAN HERE TO APPLY OR TO REVIEW A FULL DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

REHABILITATION ELEMENTS

ELIGIBLE REHABILITATION ELEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Storefront Upgrades
- Outdoor Dining Spaces
- Ventilation Improvements
- Enhanced Cleaning Efforts
- Barriers or Partitions
- Signage
- Demolition/deconstruction of Abandoned Buildings
- Removal/remediation of Environmental Contaminants
- The eligibility of additional capital improvements will be considered on a case-by-case basis

CONTACT <u>RIVCOBRP@RIVCO.ORG</u> OR 951.955.8916 FOR MORE INFORMATION



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NOW HIRING Temporary Elections Assistant

\$20.00

Hourly

The County of Riverside is seeking qualified applicants to assist with the upcoming election.

- Both Day and Night Shifts available (May require Mandatory Overtime)
- Fast paced environment
- Regular work with ballot processing, customer service and warehouse responsibilities (Must be flexible to work in various roles when needed)
- Team oriented environment where individuals can provide public service and fulfill their civic duty.

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QUALIFICATIONS Experience: Customer service

MINIMUM

experience which involved meeting the public, obtaining and recording factual information or explaining rules, regulations, policies, or procedures.

<u>Knowledge</u>: Perform routine clerical work; learn office practices, procedures and equipment; make simple arithmetic calculations; understand and follow written and oral instructions; establish and maintain cooperative relations with the public.

Ability to: Perform non-sedentary duties; Regularly lift over 25 pounds; Work in a fast-paced environment. (for some positions)

License/Certificate: Possession of a valid California Driver's License. (for some positions)

APPLY TODAY! VISIT RC-HR.COM/JOBS

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18th Annual

We will be returning <u>IN-PERSON</u> at the Galleria at Tyler

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SAVE THE DAT

RIVERSIDE

COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

- Meet with both in-state and out-of-state College representatives face to face Gain free information on Financial Aid
- Explore Career Pathways and Internship
- Opportunities
- Enter our 9 12th Grade Laptop Giveaway And more...

Presented by: BANK OF AMERICA 🤎

County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services SOCIAL SERVICES PRACTITIONER III VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

11:30AM

- 1:00PM

September

Are you looking for a rewarding career where you can make a positive impact in the community? Are you someone that enjoys helping others, if this sounds like you - please register to learn more about the Department of Public Social Services job opportunities!





POSITION REQUIREMENTS

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OPTION I

Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in social wetlare, social or behavioral sciences, social/numan services, Public Administration, Business or comparable majors.

Experience: Two years of performing case planning/case management duties in a public or private social services agency equivalent to a County of Riverside Social Services Practitioner II.

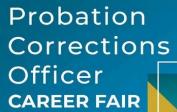
OPTION II

Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a master's degree in social or behavioral sciences, social/human services, courseling, Public Administration, Business or comparable majors.

Experience: None required.

OPTION III Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Experience: Completed internship experience in a public or private welfare agency as part of an accredited Bachelor of Social Work degree program.



September 7th, 2022 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Minimum Qualifications for PCO I: Education: Completion of, or the ability within six months of application date, 60 90 quarter units of college coursew

Experience: None required OPTION II Education: Completion of, or the ability to complete within six months of the application date. I2 semester or 16 quarter units of college coursework from an accredited college or university. INCLUDING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1) Two years of Active Duty in the Armed Fe National Guard, or Reserves with an Hono Discharge Yourd, or the Armed State

service, to your application.

be serving in the military with at least tw re Duty.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND TO APPLY, SCAN THIS CODE.

APPLICANTS, PLEASE REGISTER USING TIMETAP LINK https://pcovirtualcareerfair.timetap.com

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