

# Supervisor's Newsletter

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## JUNE'S MEMO: SUMMERTIME IN DISTRICT 5

Dear Fellow Residents,

As the early warmth of June and summer transitions into the full swing of July, the beauty of Riverside County truly comes to life. The hills and valleys are brushed with nature's vibrant palette, creating a spectacular backdrop for this month of celebration, sun, and spirited community activities.

July is when we come together as a nation to celebrate Independence Day. The fireworks that light up the skies on the Fourth of July are a beloved tradition, serving as a beautiful reminder of our shared values, freedoms, and the vibrant spirit of unity that makes our country truly unique. However, Let's leave the fireworks to the professionals. Fines for illegal fireworks are as high as \$5,000, and constant explosions before and after the Fourth have a drastic impact on our animal shelters and the mental health of some of our Veterans.

July is not only about Independence Day. The whole month is brimming with opportunities to engage in community activities, explore our scenic parks, and take advantage of the county's rich cultural offerings.

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Whether you prefer strolling through a farmers market, enjoying a family picnic, attending an outdoor concert, or exploring our hiking trails, July in Riverside County has something for everyone. In this newsletter, we've gathered a variety of events, activities, and opportunities happening throughout our county this month. You can also find them on our new Summer of District 5 webpage at <https://rivcodistrict5.org/summer-district-5>.

Remember, stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and make the most of these beautiful summer days. Thank you for being a part of our vibrant community. Enjoy the sunshine, make lasting memories, and celebrate the height of summer in our splendid Riverside County!

Wishing you a joyous and safe July!

Dr. Yxstian Gutierrez  
Riverside County Supervisor



### Staff Member Spotlight

*Lorena Santa Cruz  
Field Representative  
Moreno Valley*

This month, we spotlight a key team member, Field Representative Lorena Santa Cruz. Lorena is a force of positivity and efficiency, always ready to tackle whatever comes her way with grace and determination. She brings a strong sense of dedication to her role and has an innate ability to connect with the residents of Riverside County, ensuring their concerns are heard and addressed.



## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ROPING EVENT

To start the month of June, I had the honor to congratulate 11 of our Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members on graduating from high school and serving as council members.

These students received a special cord and scholarship issued by my office in recognition of their four years of public service to the County of Riverside.

YAC members receive not only leadership training and opportunities for service but also scholarships for each year of service. If you know a youth that would like to become a YAC member, please encourage them to apply at [rivcodistrict5.org](http://rivcodistrict5.org) or email [district5@rivco.org](mailto:district5@rivco.org)



## Moreno Valley Senior Center Meet & Greet

On Friday, June 2nd, I had the pleasure of hosting a meet and greet at the Moreno Valley Senior Center. It was an enlightening experience sharing valuable information, such as ways they can protect themselves from scams targeted at seniors.





## BEAUMONT CHERRY FESTIVAL

Last weekend, I had the delightful opportunity to attend the Beaumont Cherry Festival, a cherished event that is deeply woven into the culture of our community. The air was filled with the sweet aroma of ripe cherries, which brought a pleasant scent to the atmosphere of Beaumont. Booths lined the streets, each offering a unique take on cherry-inspired creations, from classic cherry pies to inventive cherry-themed crafts. Local musicians provided a lively soundtrack to the festivities, adding warmth to the event. The festival was a joyful reminder of the strength and resilience of our community, as people of all ages came together to celebrate the bounty of the season and the spirit of Beaumont. As your County Supervisor, I am continually inspired by such events that embody the unity and shared enthusiasm of our community.

## Upcoming Events:

**Moreno Valley Parade &  
Fun Fest**  
July 4th  
9:30AM - 9:30PM  
Civic Center Amphitheater  
14075 Frederick St.

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**Beaumont Freedom  
Festival**  
July 4th  
All Day  
Stewart Park,  
Beaumont

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**Independence Day  
Parade & Street Festival**  
July 4th  
9AM - 1:30PM  
Between Jordan Ave. &  
Dogwood St.

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**Meet & Greet Supervisor  
Gutierrez**  
Friday, July 7th  
10AM - 11AM  
237 Four Seasons Blvd.  
Hemet, CA 92545





## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES

I've had the incredible privilege to attend several graduations across District 5, including ceremonies at Nuview Bridge Early College, Beaumont High School, and Valley View High School.

At each school, I witnessed incredible young individuals stepping into the next stage of their lives. These students have displayed great resilience and dedication to their education, and I feel honored to celebrate these milestones alongside them.

From applauding the dual achievement of our Nuview Bridge Early College graduates to sharing the anticipation of our Beaumont seniors and honoring the triumphs of Valley View students, each visit was a testament to the remarkable character of our youth.

Witnessing their journeys has reinforced my belief in the transformative power of education and my commitment to supporting every student's success in our district.

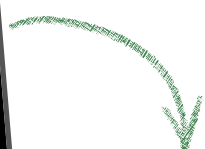




# RUHS Juneteenth Celebration

Attending the Riverside University health Systems Juneteenth celebration at Celebration Park in Moreno Valley was an enriching and significant experience. It was a potent reminder of our shared history, the struggles overcome, and the work that still lies ahead for equality and justice. I was deeply moved by the unity and spirit of our community...

...I felt honored to partake in this important celebration, which powerfully underscored the strength and resilience of our district. Witnessing the diverse representation of District 5 coming together in such a meaningful way was truly inspiring.



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## SHERIFF AND FIRE GRADUATIONS

Having the privilege of attending the graduation ceremonies for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the Riverside County Fire Department was an inspiring and humbling experience. Witnessing these brave individuals, committed to serving and protecting our community, filled me with immense pride.

The commencement ceremonies were not just a celebration of the completion of rigorous training but also a testament to the unwavering dedication, resilience, and spirit of public service embodied by these new graduates.

Their resolve to uphold the safety and peace of our community, despite the risks and challenges they may face, is a testament to their character and to the values of District 5. Moreover, these events served as a profound reminder of the often-unseen sacrifices made by our public safety officers. The willingness of these graduates to place service above self is an illustration of selflessness and bravery that deserves our deepest respect and gratitude.



## Coffee With a Cop

On Friday, June 9th, I had the profound honor of spending some quality time with the committed CHP Officers from Banning. This humble gathering was a valuable opportunity to express my appreciation for their tireless service to our community. Their dedication to maintaining peace, order, and safety in Moreno Valley is truly commendable and serves as a shining example of civic commitment.



## Father's Day Car Show at the Lakes Community

I had a tremendous time at the Lakes Community 2nd annual Father's Day car show this year, where I had the honor of serving as a judge. The passion and dedication that were put into the restoration and preservation of these classic beauties were genuinely inspiring. It was not just a celebration of automobiles, but also a celebration of the bonds within our community - fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, all united by a shared love. The experience reminded me once again of the rich spirit and diversity of District 5. I look forward to next year's event with great anticipation.



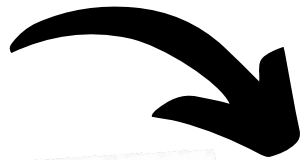


# Community Improvement Designation Funds

Recently, I had the privilege of distributing Community Improvement Designation (CID) funds to several incredible organizations within our district. The Perris Valley Filipino American Association, Smiles for Seniors, and the Butterfield Language Academy each received a portion of these funds. These organizations tirelessly serve our community, and it was an honor to support their missions...



...The work they do is invaluable - from promoting cultural understanding, aiding our senior community, to enhancing language education. I am thrilled to be able to assist in their efforts and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will continue to make in our District 5.





## Boards, Commissions and Committees

The Office of Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez has various openings for appointments on Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCC). Are you interested in becoming a voice for your community? This is a great opportunity for you! If you have questions about BCC please feel free to contact our office at (951) 955-1050 for more information.

You can learn more about openings and apply for positions on our website at [www.rivcodistrict5.org](http://www.rivcodistrict5.org).

# Veterans Services

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced it is now working with more than 1,000 local community coalitions engaged in ending Veteran suicide. These coalitions, established through VA's Public Health Model for Suicide Prevention, now reach more than 7.5 million Veterans nationwide.

By combining community coalitions with clinical intervention strategies as outlined in VA's National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide, these coalitions help reduce the risk of suicide by providing Veterans with tailored resources and direct support in the communities where they work and live.

To learn more click the VA box Below.

