

Supervisor's Newsletter

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DECEMBER: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Dear Residents of District 5,

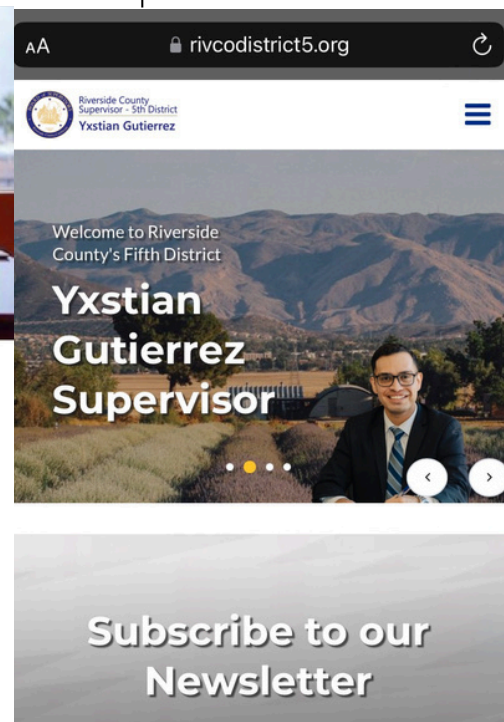
'Tis the season for giving, and we are certainly taking that to heart!

We began the month by providing over \$2 million for our S.O.N.G. Camp Program, our Homeless to Work Program, and our 2nd Chance Youth Employment Program. Speaking of youth programming, we launched our 2nd Chance Youth Employment Program, our Youth Community Corps, and our Youth Employment Program.

Then, we kept the spirit of giving going with a \$1 million provision to our Home Rehabilitation Program and a \$1 million provision to our First Time Home Buyer Down Payment Assistance Program. From helping our residents of all ages and backgrounds progress in their careers to helping them in home ownership, we make it our number one priority to put our residents first. To learn more about our programs, please visit our website: <https://rivcodistrict5.org/>

As you can see, we are working hard to make sure we end our second year in office strong! We are excited for the new year and the possibilities it brings. We sincerely hope you all had a great time over the holidays and would like to wish you a happy new year.

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Thank you for your support, for getting involved, and for helping us better serve our community.

If you need assistance, please contact us:

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As always, we will be hard at work for our community! Please make sure to follow our Thrive in D5 Podcast for our latest updates.

Warmest regards,

Yxstian Gutierrez
County Supervisor



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COMPUTER LITERACY COURSE

Whether we're paying a bill, getting our news, or simply watching a show, much of what we do is now online. We have to make sure we are able to effectively navigate these devices.

So, to provide our seniors with the tools necessary to navigate these technologies, we had our very first computer literacy course at the Calimesa Senior Center.

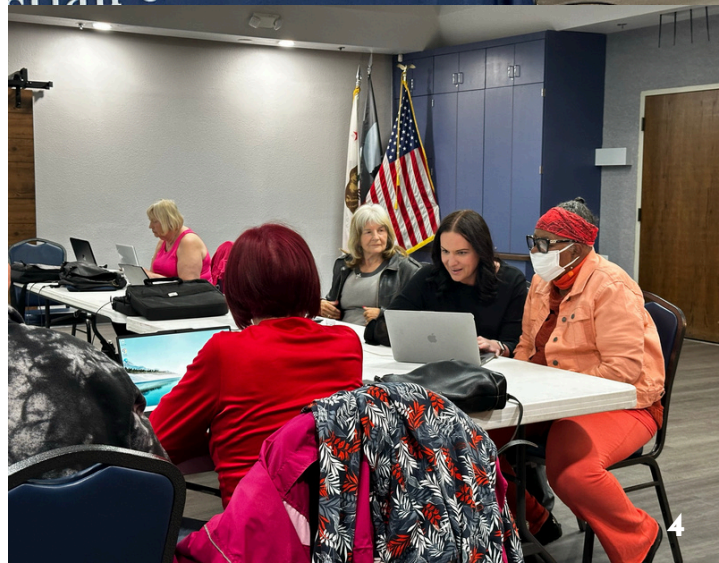
Students from our Youth Advisory Council joined us in providing seniors with vital training to safely navigate websites. This shows how we can all learn from each other: youth can learn from our seniors and our seniors can learn from our youth!

This computer literacy course is only part of our efforts to help our residents use technology. We are also launching our Mobile Tech Hub. We provided \$1.1 million to this program to help bring critical resources to communities that need them most.

We'd like to give a special thanks to Calimesa Senior Center Manager Sommer Wells for going the extra mile for our seniors!

To learn more about our Youth Advisory Council, please visit:

<https://rivcodistrict5.org/volunteer/youth-advisory-council>





WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD YEAR-END MEETING

We are firm believers in the need to develop a strong and robust workforce. For that reason, we proudly joined the Riverside County Workforce Development Board in their annual year-end meeting.

This served as a great time to celebrate all the amazing achievements our Workforce Development division has accomplished this year. We are truly grateful for all the work they have done to help us improve the lives of our residents.

At the meeting, a few outstanding individuals were recognized for their achievements in developing our workforce. While at the meeting, Supervisor Gutierrez was presented with the "Advocate of the Year" award. He humbly accepts and will continue to work hard to embody the spirit of the award.

To learn more about the Workforce Development Board, please visit: <https://rivcoworkforce.org/workforce-development-board>





HEMET-SAN JACINTO TELEPHONE TOWN HALL

It's important that we maintain active and transparent communications with you. Whether it be through our newsletters or our social media posts, we want to make sure that you know about the work we are doing and how it improves the lives of our residents.

However, we also recognize the importance of getting feedback from your end. Learning from your lived experience guides our efforts. That's why we put together telephone town halls, to reduce barriers that may prevent you from voicing your questions or concerns.

This month, we hosted a telephone town hall specifically geared toward residents of the Hemet-San Jacinto Valley. During our town hall, we had great discussions about roads, animal services, and housing. We also spoke about our San Jacinto Riverbed Project, where we are working to get homeless individuals in the area into housing and support services.

To listen to our telephone town hall, please visit:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkN_0-4oaUA





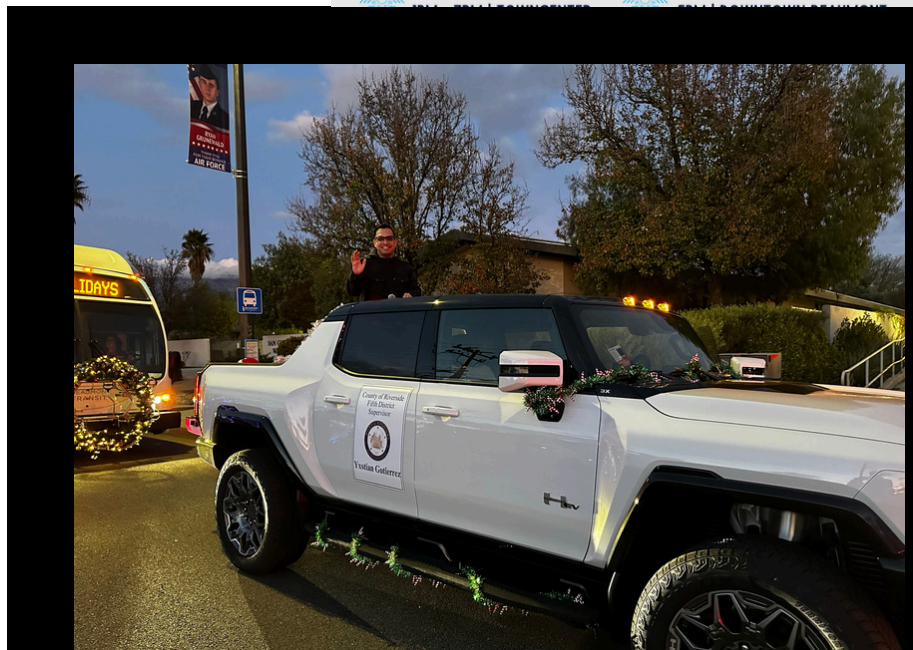
BLIZZARD BASH

The San Geronio Pass Area had some exciting holiday-themed events as well! The City of Beaumont held a jam-packed event schedule with their Blizzard Bash and Holiday Light Parade.

The day started with the Blizzard Bash Holiday Market. Beaumont's towncenter was transformed into a holiday market filled with plenty of handmade gifts to add to people's holiday lists. During the Blizzard Bash, attendees listened to live music, enjoyed local entertainment, and engaged in holiday activities, such as photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

As the sun went down, Beaumont was transformed into a sparkling Holiday Light Parade. Residents got together to enjoy beautifully decorated floats and marching groups.

Thank you to the City of Beaumont for putting this wonderful event together!





HEMET STAR-SPANGLED CHRISTMAS PARADE

The City of Hemet also kept the D5 holiday spirit going. They brought our district a patriotic Christmas celebration. In this year's theme for their annual parade, they held a star-spangled Christmas parade that not only brought plenty of fun and holiday cheer to residents, but also honored our active military service members and veterans.

From Gilbert Street to Santa Fe St., a variety of floats, marching bands, and performers marched down Florida Ave.

We were given the opportunity to participate in the event. Supervisor Gutierrez proudly acted as Grand Marshal in a Ford Branco provided by Tim Moran Auto Group!

Thank you to the City of Hemet for allowing us the opportunity to join the parade. We'd also like to thank Tim Moran Auto Group and our Youth Advisory Council students for their support!





MORENO VALLEY SHERIFF'S ANNUAL BANQUET

To get into the holiday spirit of giving, we joined the Moreno Valley Sheriffs in their annual banquet. It was a great honor to serve our community heroes and their families.

We provided \$10,000 in Community Improvement Designation funds to sponsor this event and distribute gifts, making this celebration special.

Together, we are dedicated to enriching the lives of our District 5 residents. Thank you to our sheriffs for working hard every day to protect our community!





CHRISTMAS IN CABAZON

The holiday spirit reached the edge of our district as well. We attended the Cabazon Community Center's annual Christmas in Cabazon event.

This event featured an American Legion raffle filled with toys and bikes for families and photos with Santa Claus. Families were also able to join Santa's Workshop Station, where their children can enjoy decorating holiday cookies and making gingerbread houses.

This celebration was filled with heart and joy. Thank you to the Cabazon Community Center for bringing this family-friendly experience to the community of Cabazon!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAVE A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

-D5 TEAM



Staff Spotlight Emmanuel Herrera

Field Representative

For 24 years, Emmanuel has been a proud resident of Riverside County. He is always looking for ways to serve the community.

With a commitment to public safety, Emmanuel previously served in code enforcement. In his role, he helped ensure our communities are safe and enjoyable to live in.

Outside of work, you'll find Emmanuel spending quality time with his family and friends. He takes health very seriously, prioritizing proper nutrition and exercise.

We are proud to have him on our team as a field representative for the Hemet-San Jacinto area and as our public safety liaison.



Moval Fun Color Run

DECEMBER IN PICTURES



Supervisor Jeffries Retires



Shop with a Cop in San Jacinto



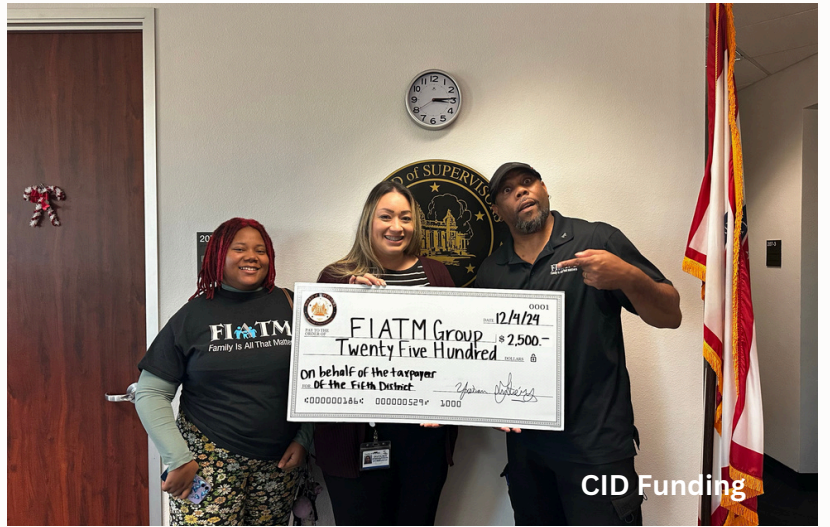
Banning Senior Center



Shop with a Cop in San Jacinto



Hemet Dutch Bros Grand Opening



CID Funding



Banning Senior Center



Homeless Person's Memorial Day



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.

Veterans Services

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions that we assume (or “presume”) are caused by exposure to these substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve. This page will help answer your questions about what the PACT Act means for you or your loved ones. You can also call us at [800-698-2411](tel:800-698-2411) (TTY: 711). And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

