

# Supervisor's Newsletter

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## FEBRUARY: LOVE AND HISTORY!

Dear Residents of District 5,

This month, although the shortest of the year, has nonetheless been eventful. This month, we celebrated black history while embracing love.

Our office attended many events celebrating black history where we had the honor of listening to many black voices in our community. We distributed Community Improvement Designation funds to local organizations to support nonprofits, social services, events, and the safety of our communities. We expanded animal services in the City of San Jacinto to promote the health, safety, and humane treatment of our furry friends. And we made efforts to support Cabazon's beautification and infrastructure, which we plan to do with all our unincorporated communities.

In addition, we made progress toward developing our youth, making affordable housing a reality for our residents, and supporting our local businesses and nonprofits!

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Thank you for all that you have done. We will continue to be hard at work for our community and will keep you updated!

Warmest regards,



Yxstian Gutierrez  
County Supervisor



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICKOFF

We had the pleasure of starting this month off with the Black History Month Kickoff put together by Moreno Valley Unified School District. This was an amazing night filled with student performances, poetry, and keynote speakers. The crowd was in high spirits and showed nothing but love and affection for the community.

Our office awarded a proclamation to Kymberly Taylor for her impact on our community, both inside and outside of the classroom. Thank you, Kymberly for working tirelessly to nurture and advocate for our youth. Your work has impacted generations and improved the quality of life for our community!

On a related note, our office is working hard to serve our youth in ways like awarding our youth for their achievements, launching our Youth Work Programs to provide them with the skills and experiences needed to enter the workforce, and giving them a voice through the Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

To learn more about our YAC, please see the following link:

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



## VICIOUS SOCCER DEVELOPMENT GRAND OPENING

In last month's newsletter, we mentioned that we are focusing on our future leaders by supporting more youth programs. This event is an example of how we are working toward that goal.

Our office attended the grand opening of Vicious Soccer Development store in Moreno Valley and presented them with a proclamation.

Vicious Soccer Development is an indoor soccer clinic that provides training for kids 15 years of age or older. They also have classes for young people and have a weight room for weight training.

We welcome their efforts to provide a space for learning, growth, and fun for our youth. We will make sure to keep the momentum going by continuing to support our youth programs!

If you are interested in Vicious Soccer Development or know someone who is, please visit the following link:

<https://linktr.ee/viciousoccerdevelopment>





## NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Our office represented Riverside County's 5th District at the National Association of Counties (NACO) Legislative Conference.

This conference spanned 4 days and involved almost 2,000 county officials coming together to focus on federal policy issues that affect our counties and residents, such as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

We met many federal agency officials and advocated for policies to help benefit our district.

We are grateful for the opportunity, where we learned more about leadership and working together. We look forward to the next conference!

Supervisor Gutierrez serves as Vice Chair to the Human Services/Education Committee and the Immigration Reform Taskforce.





## **BLOSSOM APARTMENTS GRAND OPENING**

We have been working hard to make affordable housing a reality for our D5 community, and the community of Beaumont is certainly no exception. That is why we were so glad to attend the Blossom Apartments Grand Opening.

It takes a village to build a village, but together with our partners from LINC Housing and our county Housing Authority, we managed to add this state-of-the-art 48-unit housing complex to the Beaumont community.

This unique housing-to-jobs village model will help families in Beaumont who earn less than 30% of the area's average income. It offers a mixture of two- and three-bedroom units along with community spaces like playgrounds for our children.

To learn more about some of the work LINC Housing and our county Housing Authority is doing, please visit the following links:

<https://www.linchousing.org/>

<https://www.mightycause.com/organization/Riverside-Community-Housing-Corporation>





## SBX YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES TOUR

Our office was able to witness firsthand an exciting project for our youth. This project, known as the Moreno Valley Youth Village, with the help of Sigma Beta Xi (SBX) Youth and Family Services and our county's funding, will convert 4 single-family homes into 16 single-room units for transition-age youth, foster care youth transitioning out of foster care, and families with young children.

Aside from this project, SBX provides other services for youth and families, such as youth mentoring, leadership development, and black fatherhood empowerment.

To learn more about SBX Youth and Family Services, please see the link below:

<https://www.sigmabetaxi.com/>





## BEAUTIFY MOVAL

We believe in keeping our streets clean and beautiful. That is why our office eagerly attended Beautify Moval, where we supported the amazing people in our community in keeping our streets, parks, and trails clean.

We had a blast at the event! There were plenty of volunteers, ranging from youth to our seniors, who took time out of their day to join us. Isn't that beautiful?

We encourage all of you to participate in these events and help spread the word. They not only help make our community beautiful, they are a ton of fun!

For more information on Beautify Moval, please see the following link:

<https://www.moval.org/beautify/>







## SOUTH MESA WATER COMPANY GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

This month, we witnessed an exciting project's completion. This project, the South Mesa Water Company Groundbreaking, showed how “it takes a village” to make a substantial difference in the community. It took groups and agencies like the San Geronio Water Agency, the Yucaipa Valley Water District, and the San Bernardino Municipal Water District working together to make it happen.

This project will diversify South Mesa's water supply, help Calimesa and the Pass Area during times of drought, and help provide high-quality, reliable water at an affordable price for the residents in the area.

We encourage you to embrace the idea that made this project happen: “it takes a village” collaborating to see progress.

To learn more about the project and the services South Mesa Water Company provides, please see the following links:

<https://southmesawater.com/>

<https://southmesawater.com/smw-groundbreaking-ceremony/>





## RIVERSIDE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION AWARDS

To celebrate the outstanding efforts of our law enforcement officers and elected officials, our office attended the Riverside Sherriff's Association (RSA) Awards Banquet.

Public safety officers were awarded for their bravery, commitment, and sacrifices for the safety and well-being of our community.

Awards were also given to members of the public for their outstanding commitment to community service and to elected officials for their commitment to public safety and community service.

We were honored to be given the opportunity to show our support for the brave heroes in our community.

You can look at more information on RSA using the link below:

<https://rcdsa.org/>





## 3RD ANNUAL NIGHT OF BLACK EXCELLENCE

We went to Black Voices of the Valley's 3rd Annual Night of Black Excellence, where we listened to passionate black voices in the community and powerful poetry. We also provided awards given to honor high school scholarship recipients and community leaders.

To pledge our support, our office sponsored the event in the amount of \$8,000, which provided funding for their scholarships.

Thank you, Black Voices of the Valley, for recognizing and stressing the importance of black excellence.

To learn more about Black Voices of the Valley and see how you could get involved, please follow the link below:

<https://www.blackvoicesofthevalley.org/>



## Staff Spotlight

**Juan Padilla**  
Professional Student Intern

With an interest in critical thinking, Juan Padilla is a student at Moreno Valley College majoring in philosophy. He believes in listening to other ideas, even if he hasn't thought of them before.

Juan is ambitious. His goal is to one day become a professor similar to Supervisor Gutierrez.

His growth has been amazing to witness. He has become more sociable and knowledgeable about our community.

Whether he is with our office or a constituent, he always serves with a smile and desire to learn.

He is glad to be a part of the team, and we are glad to have him on our team.

Thank you Juan.



## NLAA BEARS FOOTBALL & CHEER BANQUET

Our office was invited to the annual banquet for the NLAA Bears. We gladly attended to show our support as they end their season. The Bears is a youth football league that services Moreno Valley residents.

We witnessed so much passion and energy among our youth as they get involved in athletics. This not only benefits their health and development; it also brings life to our community.

We will continue to support them as they come out of hibernation and continue to support our youth in their athletics.





Pictured are Supervisor Gutierrez & Hemet Fire Chief Eddie Sell.



## CTEX FIRE EXPLORER MUSTER

Our office attended the kickoff of the California State Firefighters Association (CSFA) Training and Education Expo.

At this event, fire explorers, volunteers, young fire enthusiasts, and CSFA members, whether active or legacy, showed their support for people who are willing to put their lives on the line for our safety from fires.

We are proud to have attended the event and presented certificates to some of the many heroes in our community.

We are also proud to have one of the fire explorer programs from our district win first place in the CTEX Fire Explorer Muster competition.

To learn more information about CTEX, please visit the link below:

<https://ctex.csfa.net/>





Beautify Moval

# FEBRUARY IN PICTURES



Public Engagement with Elena Baca-Santa Cruz



Vicious Soccer Development



Meet and Greet with Ed Delgado



3rd Annual night of black excellence



SBX Tour



NACO Legislative Conference



Blossom Apartments



Golden Era Tour



## 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 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](tel:711)). And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

