

# Supervisor's Newsletter

Yxstian Gutierrez

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## JANUARY: RESILIENCE

Dear Residents of District 5,

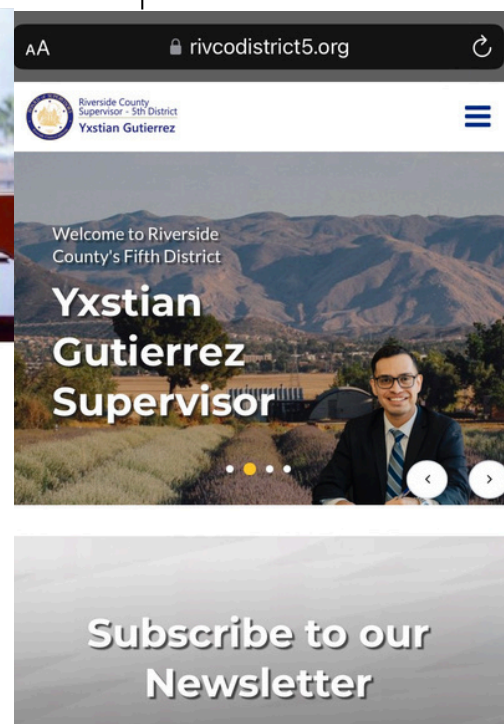
Happy New Year! We are excited to kick off 2025 and continue to make strides in our initiatives.

As we got back into the groove of things, we reflected on all of the milestones we reached last year ([www.instagram.com/p/DFLSKbXPg-E/?img\\_index=1](https://www.instagram.com/p/DFLSKbXPg-E/?img_index=1)). For instance, last year we started an exciting project that will help ensure the safety of our San Gorgonio Pass Area residents and their property: the Heli-Hydrant Installation Project. This project will install six hydrants across the pass area for firefighters to use, allowing for faster response times.

Of course, we aren't stopping there. This month, we are launching a new program that will help reduce the number of pets in the San Jacinto Animal Campus: the D5 Furry Pets Foster Care Program. This program will provide stipends to eligible residents for fostering pets in need. To learn more, visit: <https://rivcodistrict5.org/>

However, there have also been challenges. Our region experienced devastating wildfires, destroying property and tragically taking the lives of many. At the same time, we witnessed brave acts of heroism and support as we worked together in this crisis.

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## FOLLOW US TODAY!

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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:

District5@rivco.org

(951) 955 -1050

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





***TUNE IN ON:***



***YOUTUBE***



***SPOTIFY***



***APPLE MUSIC***



### WAKE UP MOVAL

We believe that it's important to support our local businesses. Our local businesses play a big role in our district, providing quality goods and services to our residents. With that in mind, we have developed and invested in programs that support businesses.

This month, we joined the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce at their Wake Up Moreno Valley breakfast. As this event's sponsor, Supervisor Gutierrez served as the featured speaker, informing attendees of our office's programs and resources.

The Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce has served as a valuable resource for our local businesses: advocating for businesses, educating members, and enhancing the quality of life within Moreno Valley.

To learn more about the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce, please visit:

<https://www.movalchamber.org/pages/Home>







## SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL GRAND OPENING

We are proud to have joined the grand opening of a new community clinic in the City of Banning. Thanks to the San Geronio Memorial Healthcare District and Apna Health, the residents of Banning will have greater access to quality healthcare.

When we think of the San Geronio Memorial Healthcare District and Apna Health, we think of community. They focus on providing comprehensive healthcare services, preventive care, pediatric care, and prenatal care. By coming together as a community, they have been able to make great progress in this regard.

To support their efforts, we provided SGMH with \$2.66 million in funding. This will enhance the hospital's diagnostic and treatment capabilities for a variety of conditions, including cancer and cardiac issues.

To learn more, please visit:

<https://sgmhdc.org/>







## BALLOONATICS RIBBON CUTTING

Our district has grown tremendously over the years. The Fifth District is home to over 500,000 residents and nearly 10,000 businesses. We welcome this growth and are always eager to welcome new residents and businesses to our community.

That's why we joined the Hemet-San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce and the San Jacinto City Council to celebrate the grand opening of an exciting new business: Balloonatics Designs. This business specializes in creating unique balloon designs for many occasions. In fact, their grand opening featured one of their many beautiful designs!

In addition to celebrating new businesses, the Hemet-San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce serves as a voice for businesses in the San Jacinto Valley, providing networking and training opportunities to promote local businesses. They also serve as a provider for our Employer Connect Program, which subsidizes wages for employees at \$20 per hour for the first 90 days of employment.

To learn more, visit:

<https://rivcodistrict5.org/>







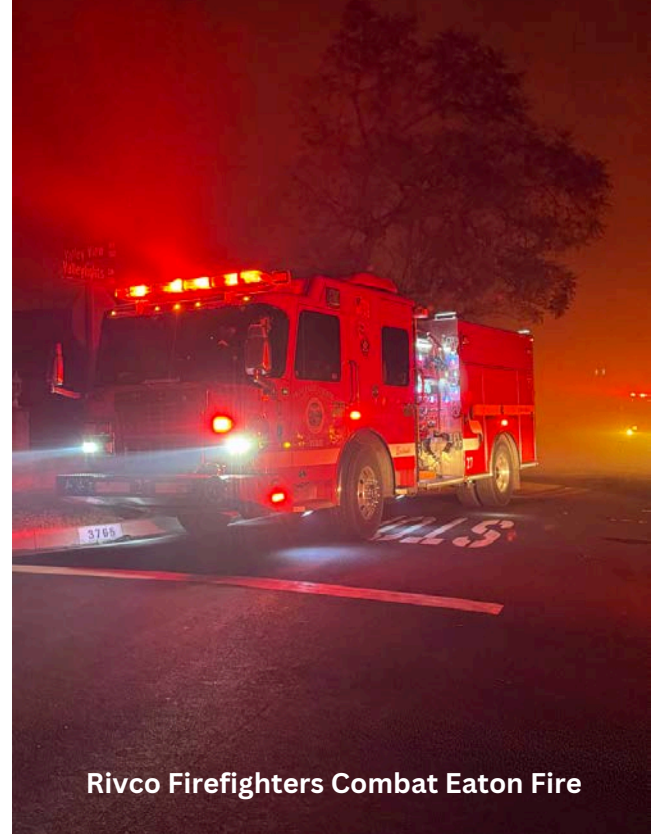
## CRISIS RESPONSE

Although this month has brought excitement toward the new year, we must also recognize the difficulties we have faced. Unfortunately, our region experienced devastating fires, changing the lives of many. However, countless heroes stepped up. For instance, 28 fire engines and 180 brave firefighters from the Riverside County Fire Department.

Here in the county, we experienced Public Safety Power Shutoffs. Although this was done for safety, we understand the challenges this brought to our residents. To help residents, we opened food, hydration, and warm centers; collaborated with SCE to have Community Resource Centers available for additional support; and mobilized RUHS Behavioral Health teams to provide care.

With your safety being our top priority, we actively monitored the situation, communicating updates to residents while preparing to address issues as they arise.

In addition, we partnered with the Riverside County Emergency Management Department to distribute ice to residents in Cabazon, who experienced power outages.



Rivco Firefighters Combat Eaton Fire



Rivco Firefighters Gather for Palisades



## BUDGET PRIORITIES SURVEY

Recently, we launched a countywide Budget Priorities Survey with the goal of providing you with more opportunities to participate in our annual budget process.

We invite you to provide your input. By sharing your concerns, we are able to better understand your needs and priorities. As always, we take your feedback seriously. We rely on it to ensure we are meeting your needs and effectively improving your quality of life. So, I encourage you to provide input into how county taxpayer dollars should be spent across county departments and services for the upcoming fiscal year.

So, please visit: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Rivconeeds](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Rivconeeds)



## Community Spotlight Ana Sandoval

**City of Banning Program  
Coordinator**

Ana Sandoval relocated to Riverside County in 1997 from East Los Angeles. Since then, she has worked hard toward serving the community she loves.

Having graduated with a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership from California Baptist University, Ana has worked for the City of Banning for over 17 years. During this time, she has worked with youth and older adults, taking pride in serving others.

Currently, she oversees the Banning Senior Center, providing much-needed support, resources, and companionship to all seniors in the community.

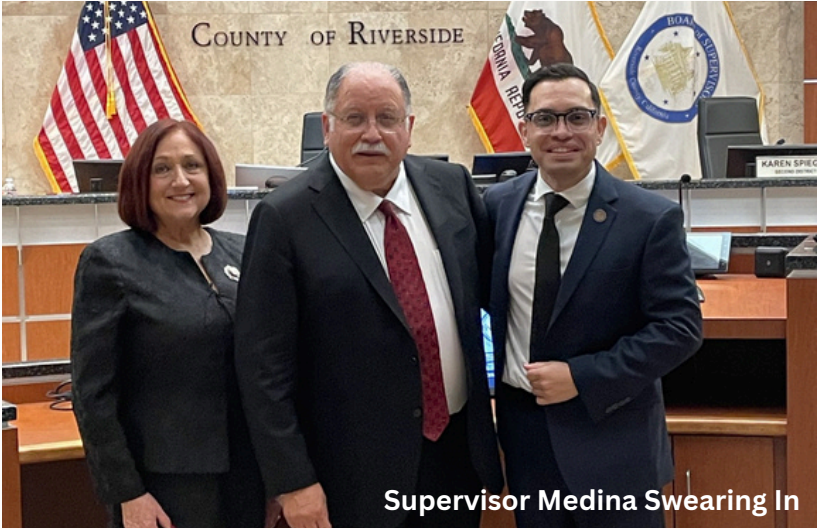
She spends her free time gardening, watching baseball, and spending time with family and friends.





Van Order Law Firm Ribbon Cutting

# JANUARY IN PICTURES



Supervisor Medina Swearing In



Rivco Firefighters Combat Eaton Fire



Rivco Firefighters Helping in LA County





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

