

# Supervisor's Newsletter

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## MARCH: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

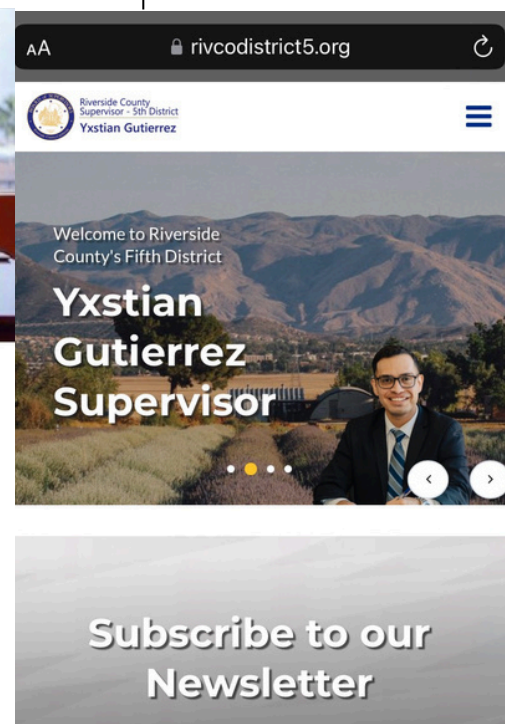
Dear Residents of District 5,

This month, we reflected on the many accomplishments women have made in our community. Here in the county, we have our Women's Inspiration Awards tradition, where we celebrate the extraordinary women who drive change in our communities. In District 5, we proudly presented this award to Captain Sarah Mack, a 23-year veteran of the Riverside County Sheriff's Office and the Police Chief of the City of Moreno Valley, for her continued efforts to uplift those around her.

We also saw continued excitement over our D5 Furry Pets Foster Care Program. This program provides a stipend of \$25 per night for fostering a pet in need. Foster caregivers receive up to \$50 per night if they foster a pair of dogs or cats, or if they take in a litter of puppies or kittens. If they get the pet adopted in two weeks or less, foster caregivers will receive a \$150 bonus. Since the program's launch, over 28 pets have been adopted and 64 are being fostered! To register, visit: <https://rcdas.org/furry-pets>.

To tackle housing and homelessness, we approved over \$3.4 million for an affordable low-income housing project in the City of Moreno Valley and over \$2.5 million to continue street outreach services for homeless individuals.

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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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(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***





## IEHP FOUNDATION IE VIBRANT HEALTH FORUM

We joined the IEHP Foundation at their IE Vibrant Health Forum: Building Bridges to Big Gifts. This event is dedicated to supporting nonprofits throughout the Inland Empire through funding and education.

As Chair of the IEHP Governing Board, Supervisor Gutierrez is committed to enhancing health outcomes in our community. He gave brief opening remarks to the various community leaders who attended, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and leaning into our community to explore innovative solutions to advance health outcomes.

IEHP serves 1.5 million members in Riverside and San Bernardino counties and is one of the top 10 largest Medicaid health plans and the country's largest not-for-profit Medicare-Medicaid public health plan. The IEHP Foundation works closely with community leaders and nonprofits to improve the health of all residents of the Inland Empire. To learn more about the IEHP Foundation, visit:

<https://iehpfoundation.org/>







## BEAUMONT INSTALLATION DINNER

We joined the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce at their installation dinner. At this event, Supervisor Gutierrez had the honor of swearing in the new board members, each committed to serving their community.

Additionally, this event presented the Citizen of the Year award to a special individual: Susan Aguilar Martinez. Time and again, Susan has demonstrated excellent service before self. She previously served as the Marketing and Membership Director of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as the Career Readiness Coordinator for Beaumont Unified School District, where she has helped both local businesses and our youth.

Thank you to the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce for the invitation. To learn more about the chamber, please visit:

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







## CLMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

As a former high school and middle school teacher in special education for 14 years, Supervisor Gutierrez was proud to join the California League of Middle Schools at their annual conference.

Every year, educators, administrators, and advocates gather with the shared goal of advancing education for our children. At this event, Supervisor Gutierrez briefly spoke to attendees, recognizing some schools within our district. Rancho Viejo Middle School from Hemet Unified School District and Badger Springs Middle School, Palm Middle School, and Vista Heights Middle School from Moreno Valley Unified School District are all up for redesignation for the Schools to Watch Program.

This program is a national network of over 700 schools in 18 states dedicated to exceptional service. Their redesignation demonstrates their commitment to improving academics, addressing inequities, and fostering an environment where our students are empowered to learn.

To learn more about the California League of Middle Schools, visit:

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







## S.O.N.G. PROGRAM SENDOFF

Last year, we launched an exciting program for aspiring young musicians in our district: the S.O.N.G. Program. We partnered with the Andy Vargas Foundation, lead by Santana's lead singer Andy Vargas, to bring this program to our district.

The S.O.N.G. Program provides youth from ages 14 to 18 with 2-day immersive music workshops, 2 times a month, for 3 months. During this time, students learn music production, hands-on songwriting, recording, and performance skills while receiving guidance from industry experts.

This month, we held a brief ceremony to celebrate our students as they completed the first cohort of the program. We are proud of them for pursuing their journey to learn and express themselves in different ways. We look forward to seeing all the great things they will contribute to our community!

The next cohort of the program with additional students will begin in April.

For more information about the S.O.N.G. Program and how to apply, please visit:

<https://rivcodistrict5.org/song-camp>







## PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

As a former educator, Supervisor Gutierrez is always eager to learn more about the work our schools are doing to support our youth. For that reason, he eagerly joined Hemet Unified School District as "Principal for a Day" at Tahquitz High School.

At this event, Supervisor Gutierrez met with school staff and visited classrooms, where he witnessed firsthand the passion our educators have.

Thank you to Hemet Unified School District for inviting Supervisor Gutierrez.







## **PASS AREA TELEPHONE TOWN HALL**

To further our continued efforts to make our office accessible to residents, we hosted our first telephone town hall of the year. This telephone town hall was held for residents of the pass area, from Calimesa to Cabazon.

Our office was joined by Fire Chief Bill Weiser from our Riverside County Fire Department, Director Dennis Acuna from the Riverside County Transportation Department, and Assistant Chief Management Engineer Jeff Gow from Waste Resources. Each of these county leaders shares our goal to engage with our community and learn from their experiences.

Thank you to the thousands of residents for participating in our town hall. Your questions, feedback, and active listening make us proud to serve you.





## TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS AND BEAUTIFICATION

We have updates on two important projects for our communities: a new traffic signal planned for San Timoteo Road and beautification efforts coming to Lakeview and Nuevo.

Many of you experience traffic backups on San Timoteo Road. To address this, we are planning to install a traffic light at the corner of San Timoteo Canyon Road and Redlands Boulevard. This project is currently in the early stages of planning and construction is likely to begin in about two to three years.

We've allocated \$1,000,000 in Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI) funds for this, planning for widening the roads, improving drainage, and making the intersection safe.

We're also working on beautifying our communities of Nuevo and Lakeview. The goal is to give Nuevo/Lakeview a welcoming feeling while maintaining their identity. We recently allocated \$500,000 in UCI funds to make this possible.

Our overall goal is to improve infrastructure and services in all our unincorporated communities, and these projects are important steps toward that goal.



## Community Spotlight Captain Sarah Mack

**Riverside County Sheriff/  
Moreno Valley Chief of Police**

Captain Sarah Mack has over 23 years with the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, overseeing the county's largest sheriff's public safety contract. She also serves as Chief of Police for the City of Moreno Valley, where she was raised.

She holds an associate's degree in administration of justice and a bachelor's in psychology from Chapman University, along with multiple POST certificates.

Captain Mack is committed to mentoring women in leadership and inspiring future leaders. As a mother of three, she balances her career with family while enjoying gardening, camping, and traveling. Through her resilience and determination, she is breaking barriers in a male-dominated field.





S.O.N.G. Program Send Off

**MARCH IN  
PICTURES**



Hemet Economic Development Summit



Livestream with Congressman Ruiz



San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus









## 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

Veterans have made countless sacrifices for our country and our community. We are committed to improving the quality of life for our veterans and their dependents. Through our Department of Veterans' Services, we provide comprehensive support, resources, and advocacy to ensure that our veterans receive the benefits and opportunities they deserve.

If you are a veteran or dependent in need of services, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Department of Veterans' Services at (951)955-3060 or visit [rivcoveterans.org](http://rivcoveterans.org).

