

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM  
2.13  
(ID # 4558)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

**FROM :** YOUTH COMMISSION:

**SUBJECT:** YOUTH COMMISSION: Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report for the 2016-2017 term, as required by Resolutions 98-032 and the Youth Commission By-Laws (Article XIII).

**ACTION:** Consent

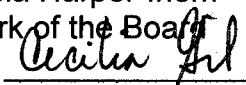
Jackie Hurtado  
Chairman of Youth Commission

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: June 13, 2017  
xc: YAC

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>				
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>				
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** [CEO use]

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In its role to initiate and support projects and services involving young people in Riverside County, the Youth Commission provides advice assistance and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and al County Department heads. The Youth Commission works to anticipate the educational, recreational and cultural needs of the youth of Riverside County, and it works to ensure the coordination of community resources to improve the quality of life for all its youth.

One of the directives of the Board of Supervisors is the requirement to submit an annual report. This reports designed to be a compilation of the activities and the accomplishment of the Youth Commission and its comprising five Youth Advisory Councils.

The Commission and Youth Advisory Councils wish to thank the Boards of Supervisors for their continued support, insight and commitment by appointing the Commission will continue to be a voice for the youth in Riverside County.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Each of the five Riverside County Youth Advisory Councils works towards improving the community by volunteering their time and efforts with organizing and members of the community. The Youth Commission also host several events aimed toward improving the lives of young people throughout Riverside County by providing them the resources to achieve their goals.

The Riverside County Youth Advisory Councils consists of 181 high school students from throughout the County. Cumulatively, they volunteer for over 6,918.50 hours of community service during the past year. If those students were paid California's minimum wage of \$10.50/hour, they donated the equivalent of over \$72,644 in free services to their communities. The website "[Independentsector.org](http://Independentsector.org)" places a value of over \$28.48 per hour of volunteer work, and using this figure the YAC donated nearly \$197,039 this year. While in reality it is not possible to place a dollar value on the services they provide, it is important to understand that they are accomplishing real goals, learning incredibly valuable life lessons and making Riverside County a better place for all of us.

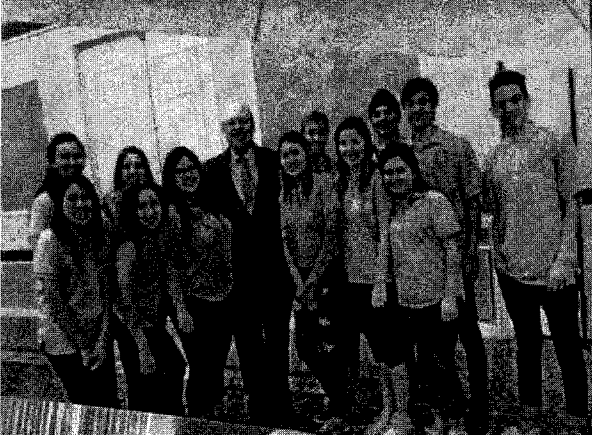
**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

N/A

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

N/A



# ANNUAL

## REPORT

2016-  
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RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION  
Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders

## Riverside County First District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2016-2017

The Youth Advisory Council is a representative student body from high schools in the First District of Riverside County. High Schools that are located within the First District include: Alvord, Arlington, Bethel Christian, California Lutheran, Citrus Hill, Corner Stone Christian, Elsinore, Hillcrest, John W. North, Keith McCarthy Academy, Lakeside, La Sierra, Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Notre Dame, Ortega Continuation, Poly, Raincross-Independent, Riverside Christian, Sherman Indian, Temescal Canyon, and Woodcrest Christian High School.

Listed below are key projects that the Youth Advisory Council of 2016-2017 accomplished throughout the year. The council would also like to thank the community for their constant support through their endeavors and dedication to the youth in Riverside County.

- **Youth Retreat – August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The 2016 Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held at the Crestmore Manor located in Rubidoux. The event had one keynote speaker: Gabriel Maldonado. Gabriel Maldonado is the Executive Director and CEO of TruEvolution- social justice organization that works with high-risk and underserved youth populations to provide prevention services and care for people living with HIV/AIDS. The speech intended to motivate the Youth Advisory Council members to believe that hard work and determination can get you far and nothing can stop you from achieving. This year all of the students also got a chance to participate in two community service activities one of which was a School Supply Drive for Foster Youth where we packaged backpacks with supplies. The second activity was a supply drive for homeless around Riverside where the students packaged toiletries. Throughout the day, the students had a chance to interact with their fellow councilmembers and the council members from other districts, through team building games and activities.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

This year's annual Youth in Government day had an amazing turnout and was revamped in a productive way. Instead of the usual mentor-mentee pairing done by the interns, Riverside County's Human Resources department allowed participants to use their career aptitude survey to match mentees with an accurate and interesting mentor. The Human Resources department was so gracious and helpful in matching all of our mentees and mentors to ensure a more accurate match for everyone involved. This year, Youth in Government Day opened applications to our local Youth Opportunity Centers which serve at-risk and foster youth. The Youth Opportunity Centers and their members were excited to participate and made up a large part of our participants. The Youth Commission looks forward to growing our relationship with the centers in years to come.

- **Deleo Sports Park Halloween Event – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

The Halloween events for this year kicked off with the Halloween Festival at Deleo Sports Park in Corona. Council members had a spooky time handing out goodies, running games and even participating as cast members in a haunted hayride.

- **Mead Valley Trunk-or-Treat Event – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The next Halloween event the council participated in was the Trunk-or-Treat event at the Mead Valley Community Center. This event offered the local neighborhood a safe night of candy collection, carnival games, food and drink and even a haunted house. Council members worked as traffic control and crowd control during this event.

- **Good Hope Halloween Event – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The Good Hope Halloween Event was another opportunity for local families to enjoy Halloween festivities and trick-or-treating in a safe and family-friendly environment. The students worked crowd control, running carnival games as well as handed out candy.

- **Rider Street Trail Clean-Up – November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The council arrived at the Rider Street Trail site to participate in another round of cleaning and renovating the property. Council members again cleaned up any garbage or debris littering the property and pulled weeds. The students again were happy to see the results of their hard work that day and even said they relieved some stress during the challenging manual labor. They are excited to return and continue working on this resource that will help their community.

- **Stuff the Bus – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Each year, the Youth Commission participates in the annual Stuff the Bus event which is a donation collection event that supports our local Operation SafeHouse locations. The council has a long standing history of involvement with Operation SafeHouse and feels it is one of the most important resources that at-risk youth have access to in Riverside County have. Operation SafeHouse is run entirely off of donations meaning this annual event ensures the organization will keep running and be able to help more youth. The council volunteered to help organize and separate donated items and prepare them for distribution

- **Lakeland Village/Woodcrest Cookies with Santa – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Council members joined office staff member to help with this Christmas event. Both events allowed YAC members to interact with families by hosting small activities such as cookie decorating and coloring pages. Attendees also enjoyed snacks like hot chocolate and delicious holiday cookies while taking photos with Santa.

- **Mead Valley/Good Hope Breakfast with Santa – December 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Breakfast with Santa has been a successful and well-loved event each year around the holidays. This year, the council attended two separate breakfast events; one in Mead Valley and one in Good Hope. This event provides the local community with free breakfast and a photo-op with Santa. The event also has carnival games, bouncy houses, face painting and many other fun activities for the children. Council members assist at all booths ensuring a smooth running event for all involved.

- **Deleo Winter Wonderland – December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The event took place at the Deleo Sports Park in Temescal Valley. The event had carnival games, a cookie decorating station, a snow area, a petting zoo, a train ride and pictures with Santa. Santa gave a small gift to each child he was visited by. The local community was happy to see this event taking place return this year at their regional park.

- **Las Posadas de Riverside- December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Council Member Jim Perry, the Spanish Town Heritage Foundation and the Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department worked together this holiday season to bring Las Posadas (a Winter holiday celebration) to the west end of Riverside. This FREE community event featured various resource booths, warm hot chocolate, treats, piñatas and a jumper for the kids. YAC Members worked with District 1 Staff to provide the kids with arts and crafts to create.

- **Riverside County Annual Lunar Festival- January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Our council members got the opportunity to volunteer at the Riverside County Annual Lunar Festival in Downtown Riverside. The lively event included a Spectacular Parade of Nations at 10 am, Traditional Asian Music, Taiko Drums, Dance Performances, Art Displays and Day-Long Demonstration of Martial Arts, Anime Cosplayers and a range of Asian Cultural displays. The council enjoyed volunteering at the Children's Village and helping kids with arts and crafts.

- **Valentine's Day Card Making - February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The council members spent an evening meeting creating Valentine's Day cards to give out to our local senior center in hopes of brightening the days of the elderly. In one hour's time, the students were able to create 60 cards with supplies provided by our District 1 Staff and Council.

- **Riverside County 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit- March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Youth Commission hosted the 19th annual Youth Summit at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center. High schools throughout all five supervisorial districts were invited to the event, which covered topics such as: Forgiveness and Acceptance, Human Trafficking, and College Preparation.

The summit creates a unique venue where young people from across the county can discuss important issues that affect their lives and the lives of others, and help students develop skills to help create a positive change in the community. Speakers included Micki Clowney from the Moreno Valley College who spoke about College Information. Micki was an extremely vibrant and engaging speaker who was able to motivate all the attendees to learn more about attending college. Human Trafficking and Cyber Awareness presentation from Opal Singleton, president and CEO of "Million Kids", and Nancy Aguirre a representative of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. The students got a chance to see how important the topic of Human Trafficking is and that it is affecting people in Riverside County as well.

Keynote speaker Matthew Boger was featured in the Academy Award-nominated documentary "Facing Fear," in which he and Timothy Zaal fight prejudice, racism, bullying and homophobia. While talking at an event in Los Angeles where they were presenters, the men realized that in their youths, Zaal was among the teen-aged Nazi-punks who attacked and beat Boger in an alley. At the time Boger was a gay, homeless 14-year-old. Today they share a story of forgiveness in their program, Unlikely Allies. All student attendees received a signed copy of his book, Freaks and Revelations. The Youth Commission hopes that students use the book as a reminder of all they learned at the Youth Summit and that they can use this story to empower themselves to promote Acceptance.

- **Tamale Festival- April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

Our First District YAC Council attended the Tamale Festival with our staff member Araceli Ruiz. During the Festival, our YAC worked alongside our Staff and ran the First District Booth. The kids got a chance to interact with the community by providing them with flyers and more information on the First District Board of Supervisors office. The kids also got a chance to visit other booths and participate in games and activities such as caricatures. Our council enjoyed attending this event and interacting with different members of the Riverside community.

- **Dancing with the Stars – IE Edition- April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The First District Youth Advisory Council have participated in the Dancing with the Stars Event for several years and they were invited back once again this year. During the event, the council members were ushers for all the guests of the event and were able to direct everyone to their proper location. Near the end of the event, the kids got the opportunity to go on stage and serve pizza to the crowd in a pizza delivery skit. The council was excited to be on stage and serve the guests as well as our Supervisors Kevin Jeffries who attended.

- **Temescal Valley Community Fair- May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

This annual event takes place each year in May. The Temescal Heritage Foundation sponsor the event. The faire allows the community the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the services that the County of Riverside has to offer, meet and speak with 1st District Supervisor, as well as, look at local development plans. Our YAC members volunteered by assisting with games and activities as well as volunteering at the First District information booth.

-----Summary of the Year-----

**Goals for the 2017-2018 YAC term:**

1. At-Risk Youth Outreach
2. College Campus Tours for Youth
3. Homeless Outreach

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**Total number of community service projects and hours:**

Council members delivered 17 projects and dedicated 1,600 hours of community service to the First District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

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*The First District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.*

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## Riverside County Second District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2016-2017

The Second District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who reside in or attend high school within the Second District of Riverside County. Communities within the Second District include: a portion of the City of Riverside, the City of Corona, the City of Norco, the City of Eastvale, and the City of Jurupa Valley. In addition, the Second District includes the unincorporated communities of Coronita, El Cerrito, Highgrove and Home Gardens.

*In order to achieve our 2016-2017 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.*

❖ **T.Y.T.L. Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders – September 2016**

The T.Y.T.L Committee members were committed to help foster and promote leadership skills in the District's youth. The T.Y.T.L. committee's main focus is to impact at-risk and foster youth by hosting events to help them believe in their ability to make a difference.

❖ **H.E.L.P. Help Everyone Live Prosperously – September 2016**

The H.E.L.P Committee members gave back to the community as a whole, however, they focused their efforts on the elderly. Their main goal is to coordinate fun events to ensure that the senior citizens in our communities did not feel forgotten.

❖ **E.V.O. Environmental Volunteer Organization –September 2016**

The Youth Advisory Council members aimed to clean up, maintain and improve the environmental well-being of their communities. They sought to provide assistance with community clean-ups, promote environmentally friendly practices and volunteer at local nature centers.

*Listed below are the key projects the 2016-2017 Second District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.*

• **Youth Retreat – August 4, 2016**

The 2016 Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held at the Crestmore Manor located in Rubidoux. The event had one keynote speaker: Gabriel Maldonado. Gabriel Maldonado is the Executive Director and CEO of TruEvolution- social justice organization that works with high-risk and underserved youth populations to provide prevention services and care for people living with HIV/AIDS. The speech intended to motivate the Youth Advisory Council members to believe that hard work and determination can get you far and nothing can stop you from achieving. This year all of the students also got a chance to participate in two community service activities one of which was a School Supply Drive for Foster Youth where we packaged backpacks with supplies. The second activity was a supply drive for homeless around Riverside where the students packaged toiletries. Throughout the day, the students had a chance to interact with their fellow councilmembers and the council members from other districts, through team building games and activities.



- **Walden Family Services - September 12, 2016**

At the Annual Youth Retreat, the Youth Advisory Council members assembled backpacks for foster kids in Riverside County. Each backpack was filled with school supplies such as: folders, pencils, erasers, pens, markers, rulers, binders, and a USB drive. The backpacks were split up among the councils and each district delivered the assembled backpacks to a foster center in their respective districts. Second District donated backpacks to the foster students from Walden Family Services in Riverside.

- **Riverside Arts and Music Festival – September 17, 2016**

The Council assisted Riverside Downtown Partnership with their first annual Riverside Arts and Music Festival. The members regulated traffic, directed vendors to their designated areas, and provided information to attendees. This event exposed the councils to downtown Riverside's rich history and culture.

- **Project Food Soup Kitchen – September 17, 24 & 31, 2016; October 12 & 26, 2016, January 11, 25, 2017**

The Council volunteered with Project Food to serve hot meals to the homeless community at the First Congressional Church in downtown Riverside. Along with serving dinner, the members set out donated items such as clothes, shoes, school supplies and blankets for the homeless. Members enjoyed this event and found it very humbling and fulfilling. This ongoing partnership allowed for a recurring event throughout the term to allow all new members to share the experience.

- **Downtown Riverside Fall Fashion Show- September 24, 2016**

The Council worked with the Riverside Downtown Partnership at their Annual Fall Fashion Show in downtown Riverside. Members assisted local fashion designers, greeted and directed the audience, and cheered on the models. The Council enjoyed working this event and will continue to provide its services in future events.

- **Youth In Government Day – October 6, 2016**

This year's annual Youth in Government day had an amazing turnout and was revamped in a productive way. Instead of the usual mentor-mentee pairing done by the interns, Riverside County's Human Resources department allowed participants to use their career aptitude survey to match mentees with an accurate and interesting mentor. The Human Resources department was so gracious and helpful in matching all of our mentees and mentors to ensure a more accurate match for everyone involved. This year, Youth in Government Day opened applications to our local Youth Opportunity Centers which serve at-risk and foster youth. The Youth Opportunity Centers and their members were excited to participate and made up a large part of our participants. The Youth Commission looks forward to growing our relationship with the centers in years to come.

- **Zombie Crawl – October 15, 2016**

The Council participated in the Annual Riverside Zombie Crawl hosted by Riverside Downtown Partnership in Downtown Riverside. The members ran the arts and crafts area, the carnival games, and photo booth. The members enjoyed interacting with all the children and families who were in attendance.

- **Country Village Veteran's Day Dinner Dance – November 11, 2016**

On Veteran's Day, Council members honored local military veterans by serving them dinner at the Country Village Senior Apartments. Council members served the veterans a warm cooked dinner, and danced the evening away with them. It was a very welcoming and humbling experience for the Council, and it inspired many members in the Help Everyone Live Prosperously Committee to create more events for the veterans in the community.

- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Adopt a Family – November 22, 2016**

This year the Council adopted a family from the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. Council members collected money to cover the cost for a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Two days before Thanksgiving the Council members personally delivered the items to the family and spent time listening to their stories. The families were extremely grateful for the generous donations and the Council members got the opportunity to see the impact of their work first hand. The Council members were truly touched by the experience and it inspired them to seek out more opportunities to initiate their own projects.

- **No One Eats Alone Country Village Thanksgiving Event – November 24, 2016**

The Council spent their Thanksgiving morning at the Country Village Apartments Annual Thanksgiving brunch. This event was held to give senior citizens within the community, who do not have family to share Thanksgiving with, a place to come and enjoy the holiday. The Council enjoyed making a difference in the lives of individuals living at County Village.

- **Jurupa Valley Adopt-a-Family Santa Express Parade – December 5 & 10, 2016**

For the second year in a row, the Second District YAC participated in the Santa Express Parades held throughout the month of December. The members dressed up in costumes of Christmas characters such as Rudolph, Jack Frost, and Santa's elves in the parade. They also assisted with traffic control and safety. At the end of the evening, the volunteers and the community came together for cookies and hot chocolate. Council members appreciated the unity and joyful spirits brought about by the holidays.

- **Operation Safehouse Stuff the Bus – November 19, 2016**

Each year, Operation Safehouse holds a donation drive to collect house items for families and teens in need. The council members from the First and Second District Youth Advisory Councils gathered together at the Operation Safehouse Riverside location to sort all of the donated items.

- **Jurupa Valley Adopt a Family Christmas Carnival – December 3, 2016**

The Youth Advisory Council volunteered at the first Annual Christmas Carnival held at Country Village Apartments. This event welcomed families from the nearby communities with music, pictures with Santa, holiday arts and crafts, and carnival games. The Council dressed up as elves and brought high spirits to the community.

- **Riverside Downtown Partnership Presents Miracle on Main Street – December 4, 2016**

The Second District Youth Advisory Council assisted with setting up the event and unloading toys for the children's visit with Santa. The Council hosted a booth for children to pick up gifts for their

loved ones such as jewelry, scarves, hats, books, and trinkets. The Council members appreciated the opportunity to go out and enjoy a local event and spread holiday joy to the families in Riverside.

- **Jurupa Valley Adopt-a-Family Food Preparation and Distribution– December 17 & 18, 2016**

Each year before Christmas, Jurupa Valley Adopt a Family distributes food packages and gifts to families residing in the City of Jurupa Valley. The council members helped to assemble food, cleaning products, and hygiene products into care packages for the families in need. After a long day of preparing and assembling packages, the Council members assisted with the distribution the next day. The Council greeted each family, filled up grocery carts with food, hygiene and cleaning products, as well as gifts, and wished them a Merry Christmas. Other members of the Council regulated the lines to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and directed the families to the flu shot and resume building booths.

- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Adopt-a-Family Christmas – December 22, 2016**

This year the Council adopted a family living in Corona for Christmas through the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program. The council was determined to raise money to buy the 8-year old boy a brand new bike when they heard he was being bullied by the neighborhood kids for having an old broken bike that was too small for him. To surprise the little boy, the council decided to hide the bike in the back of a truck outside the home and only give him the wrapped helmet. The little boy was then walked outside to find a brand new blue bike in his driveway. He immediately hopped on the bike and took it for a ride down the street. The little boy's bright eyes and big smile brought tears of joy to the Council.

- **Senior Prom at Country Village – February 18, 2017**

The Council partnered with a community service club from Jurupa Valley High School to organize a prom for the senior citizens at the Country Village Apartments. The students decorated the ballroom, and dressed up in formal dresses, and suits and ties to take the senior citizens back to their high school days. The senior citizens enjoyed dancing the night away and reminiscing on their past.

- **Senior Sweetheart Social – February 25, 2017**

The Council organized their Annual Senior Sweetheart Social for the senior citizens at the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center in Rubidoux. The Council members learned about event coordinating, and worked together to brainstorm and execute their ideas. Members were split up into committees which were responsible for the food, entertainment, activities, and prizes. Along with the photo booth and bingo, the Council added karaoke, and a video presentation to this year's event. The video included photos from last year's Senior Sweetheart Social and excerpts of the members sharing what love means to them. Karaoke was a big hit. The senior citizens were up on their feet and dancing. The Council was humbled when several senior citizens expressed how much fun they had and said, "Thank you for not forgetting about us." This was a successful event that brought the senior community and the Youth Council together.

- **Youth Summit – March 10, 2017**

The Youth Commission hosted the 19th annual Youth Summit at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center. High schools throughout all five supervisorial districts were invited to the event, which covered topics such as: Forgiveness and Acceptance, Human Trafficking, and College Preparation.

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- **Easter Donation Drive – March 22, 2017**

The Council held a donation drive to collect baskets, plastic eggs, and candy in order to host an egg hunt for the students at Eastvale Elementary School in the City of Eastvale. During a bi-weekly Youth Advisory Council meeting, the council members filled Easter eggs with candy and inspirational notes to have at the event.

- **Annual Healthy Living Extravaganza – April 8, 2017**

Council members enjoyed volunteering at the annual Healthy Living Extravaganza Community Expo. The purpose of this event was to educate the community on how to live healthier lives from all aspects including nutrition and meal planning, exercise, safety awareness as well as positive practices to improve our environment. Council members facilitated game booths using recyclable items such as soda cans, plastic cups, cardboard, and paper. The most popular game was tossing various recycle items through a basketball hoop into the correct waste bin. This game was entertaining while teaching the children about recycling.

- **University of California, San Diego College Tour – April 15, 2017**

Second and Third District Youth Advisory Council members visited University of California, San Diego for a tour around their beautiful campus. Members gained valuable information regarding requirements for specific majors, work-study opportunities, dorm life, and research programs. After the informative visit, a few council members confirmed that UCSD would be their top choice.

- **U.S. Masters Swim Competition – April 29 & 30, 2017**

The U.S Masters Swimming is a non-profit organization that provides membership benefits such as insurance and sanctioned events to encourage adults to swim in order to promote health and exercise. This year the U.S. Masters Swim Competition was held at Riverside City College. The Second District Council provided majority of the volunteers and played a crucial role in keeping times for the ten-hour swim relay event. Special guest such as U.S. Olympians Nathan Adrian and Ryan Lochte made an appearance at the swim meet.

- **Doors Open Riverside – May 11, 2017**

The Riverside's Doors Open event offered guided tours of historic buildings in downtown Riverside. Council Members assisted with keeping count of attendees and helped to regulate each tour group during the tours. The Council had the opportunity to share the beauty of our own city with the guest while learning about the history and architecture of historic buildings located here in Riverside.

- **YAC Recruitment for the 2016 - 2017 Term**

Recruitment for the Second District Youth Advisory Council is ongoing throughout the term. YAC members are encouraged to share their experience on the Council with members of other service clubs on their high school campuses. Applications for the Second District Youth Advisory Council are open in early April until the end of May. Every year towards the end of the term, the Council hosts their annual Bring a Friend to YAC Day. Council members invited their friends and classmates to their last Council meeting where they get to learn about the program, see how council meetings operate, as well as socialize with the current council members. Council members shared how their experience on the Council has impacted their lives and made them a stronger leader and individual.

-----Summary of the Year-----

**Goals for the 2017-2018 YAC term:**

1. Coordinate interactive and meaningful events for senior citizens.
  2. Provide academic resources for underprivileged students.
  3. Raise awareness and educate our community on positive environmental practices to maintain and improve the environment.
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**Total number of community service projects and hours:**

Council members delivered 21 projects and dedicated 2640 hours of community service to the Second District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

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## Riverside County Third District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2016-2017

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body from the high schools in the Third District of Riverside County. Third District YAC is comprised of students from Chaparral, Great Oak, Hemet, San Jacinto, Temecula Valley, Vista Murrieta, Murrieta Mesa, Rancho Christian and West Valley high schools.

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- **Temecula Promenade College Fair – September 24, 2016**

The Youth Advisory Council ran a booth at Temecula Promenade College Fair. The booth allowed YAC members to interact with the community and educate them about the Riverside County Youth Commission. This event helped YAC members improve the public speaking skills, learn about college and different career path, as well as connect more with the community.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 6, 2016**

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The Youth Advisory Council had a booth at the San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce Candy Corner Event. The purpose of the event was to provide an alternative to trick-or-treating to kids and their

families. Our booth consisted of an activity where the kids would “bob for cookies”. We also had sweet treats, candy, county resources and an area where the kids could take pictures with YAC members. This event allowed the council to connect with young kids and families in the Hemet/San Jacinto community.

- **Stuff the Bus – October 28, 2016**

The Youth Advisory Council volunteered for Operation Safe House Stuff the Bus event in Temecula. YAC members collected items as a council and donated them to the event. Council members also volunteered the day of the event by handing out flyers to citizens in order to obtain a donation. Once the donation was received YAC members packed the items into boxes and load them in the truck. This event allowed members to work on their public speaking skills.

- **Empower Youth Harvest Fest – October 28, 2016**

The Youth Advisory Council partnered with KinCare and California Family Life Center, Empower Youth to host a Harvest Fest. The festival was held at the Empower Youth Center in Hemet. The purpose of the event was to provide the children and family in the KinCare program an alternative to trick-or-treating. Third District’s Youth Advisory Council had a booth at the event consisting of activities and prizes for the children. Some council members managed the YAC booth while the others helped at other stations, including face painting, hosting games, applying temporary tattoos and cleaning up.

- **NAMI Walk – October 29, 2016**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> District Youth Advisory Council members participated in the National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk at Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet. The walk is a charity event to raise awareness about mental illness and help fund mental health services. YAC members collected donations and then participated in the 5km walk. Our council also set up a photo booth that allowed participants to take photos with their friends and families. While at the event, council members also had the opportunity to learn more about mental illness and the programs available to them through the exhibitor booths that were present. This event helped the YAC members support a cause that they are passionate about.

- **Adopt-A-Family Holiday Giving – November 24, 2015**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council donated food to four families for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Each family was provided with Ham, turkey, stuffing, macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, dinner rolls, and pies. YAC members bagged all the items and delivered them to the families on November 24<sup>th</sup>. At each delivery, council members were able to spend time and interact with the families. This allowed council members to see the immediate impact their service could have on individuals.

- **Adopt-A-Family Holiday Giving – December 1, 2015**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council donated toys and money in order to buy children, who are currently being raised by their grandparents or in the KinCare program within the Third District, presents for the holidays. This year the council adopted four families with a total of 9 kids for the holidays. The Third District YAC raised enough funds to buy each child 3 outfits and 3 toys. YAC members wrapped the presents at their council meeting and delivered the presents wearing Santa hats on December 20<sup>th</sup>.



- **University of California, Riverside College Tour – January 22, 2017**

The council members of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> District received a guided tour of University of California, Riverside. During the tour Youth Council members were able to see the benefits that each campus offered to its students. The Council Members were also given private counseling by the university admission counselor. In this counseling session the school covered the cost to attend, possible majors, career paths, and student life activities. This college tour allowed for the council members to see the possibilities and opportunities that are offered on college campuses. Each member walked away more comfortable with the idea of college because of all the things that they learned.

- **Valentine Grams for Seniors – February 7, 2017**

YAC members created Valentine Grams for the senior citizen residents at the Murrieta Gardens Senior Center. The valentine grams included handmade cards as well as a sweet treat and keepsake. The YAC members hand delivered each gram to the residents individually. This allowed the council members to spend time and interact with each of the residents.

- **Waste Wednesday – February 22, 2017**

Youth Advisory Council members volunteered at the Department of Waste Resources Waste Wednesday event at the Riverside County Fair. Waste Wednesday was an event that was designed to create community awareness about the Department of Waste Resources as well as ways to recycle. YAC members helped at this event by distributing handouts, operating the games at the booth and monitoring the children in the play area. YAC members not only increase community awareness at this event, but they were also able to educate themselves about waste resources.

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- **YAC Recruitment and Information Session – May 2017**

The month of May is the recruitment time for the Youth Advisory Council, Third District. The YAC members have planned two information sessions for perspective members to attend. One session was held in Hemet and the other was held in Murrieta. This will allowed students from both end of the district to attend. The council members used a PowerPoint presentation as well as trivia games to convey information about the council. The council will also provide snacks to everyone in attendance. The recruitment session was very successful and we were able to fill every open spot on the council.

- **Riverside County Animal Shelter Dog Wash - May 27, 2017**

The Youth Advisory Council toured the Riverside County Animal Shelter in San Jacinto. Through this tour they had the chance to learn about all aspects of the shelter from patient intake to grooming and adoption. After the tour the council members began washing the dogs. Once they were finished washing the dogs, they were able to interact with the animals. They played with animals, walked them and fed them. At the conclusion of the day some YAC members applied to be an ongoing volunteer with the shelter.

-----Summary of the Year-----

Goals for the 2015-2017 YAC term:

- Outreach to At-risk Youth
- Community Awareness
- Adopt and maintain a Riverside County Parks Trail

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**Total number of community service projects and hours:**

Council members delivered 15 projects and dedicated 880.5 hours of community service to the Third District of Riverside County. Overall, YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

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## Riverside County Fourth District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2016-2017

The Fourth District Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley Youth Advisory Council (YAC) identify youth-related concerns and issues specific to the Fourth District. YAC is comprised of students from La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palo Verde, Rancho Mirage, Shadow Hills and Xavier high schools.

*Listed are the key projects the 2016-2017 Fourth District Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley YACs accomplished throughout the year:*

- **Youth Retreat – August 4, 2016**

The 2016 Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held at the Crestmore Manor located in Rubidoux. The event had one keynote speaker: Gabriel Maldonado. Gabriel Maldonado is the Executive Director and CEO of TruEvolution- social justice organization that works with high-risk and underserved youth populations to provide prevention services and care for people living with HIV/AIDS. The speech intended to motivate the Youth Advisory Council members to believe that hard work and determination can get you far and nothing can stop you from achieving. This year all of the students also got a chance to participate in two community service activities one of which was a School Supply Drive for Foster Youth where we packaged backpacks with supplies. The second activity was a supply drive for homeless around Riverside where the students packaged toiletries. Throughout the day, the students had a chance to interact with their fellow councilmembers and the council members from other districts, through team building games and activities.

- **Benoit 50 Pet Adoption – September 9-10, 2016**

YAC volunteered at the Benoit50 pet adoption, an event hosted by Supervisor Benoit and his wife Sheryl. The Benoit family waived the adoption fee of the first 50 animals adopted. YAC assisted with walking dogs, taking dogs out of kennels to meet interested families, bathing dogs and assisting Benoit staff that were also present at the event. A total of 75 dogs were adopted during the event.

- **Children's Craft Day at Coachella Valley Rescue Mission – October 15,2016**

Coachella Valley YAC members hosted a Halloween-themed craft day at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission's (CVRM) Family Center. CVRM's Family Center provides temporary housing to mothers and children who have been displaced from their homes and need support. YAC members wanted to bring some joy and laughter to the children. The Council facilitated crafts and activities with the families, including cookie decorating, making crafts, and coloring.

- **Regional Access Project (RAP) Fast Pitch Speaker – October 25,2016**

The Regional Access Project (RAP) Foundation hosts an annual conference that helps local non-profit agencies get noticed by the community. This year, the conference's keynote speaker is former NASA astronaut, Jose Hernandez. On the night before the conference, RAP Foundation hosted a special dinner at a private home in Palm Springs in which 10 YAC members were invited to attend and here Jose Hernandez speak.

- **Steps for the Cure – October 29, 2016**

YAC volunteered at the Blythe Cancer Resource Center's 10th annual "Steps for the Cure" fundraising event. At the event, YAC members built a balloon arc, helped with set up and tear-down, and hosted a face painting booth. YAC's face painting booth was consistent with the event's Superhero theme and gave participants the opportunity to look like their favorite superhero. The Council charged \$1 for a face painting. The profits from the face painting booth, \$50, were donated to the Blythe Cancer Resource Center.

- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren "Adopt A Family" – November 2016**

YAC adopted 4 families from the Riverside County Office on Aging's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. The objective was to provide complete Thanksgiving Dinners for the entire family. YAC members collected turkeys, side dishes, desserts, and beverages to feed all four families.

- **Healing Field – November 5, 2016**

For the fourth consecutive year, in Cathedral City, Coachella Valley YAC had the honor of participating in the Healing Field memorial event at Patriot Park. Hundreds of volunteers came together to remember the lives of fallen service members from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. YAC members helped place 8,000 flags and accompanying name tags, in memory of each fallen service member.

- **Stuff the Bus Drive at Target – November 1-6, 2016**

"Stuff the Bus" is an annual donation drive hosted by SafeHouse of the Desert with the goal of collecting enough daily essentials for the organization to fill a school bus. Over a three-day period, Coachella Valley YAC members volunteered at the Palm Desert Target parking lot and provided information to shoppers about the event and the items needed. In addition, YAC helped sort all the donated items before placing them on the bus.

- **Youth in Government Day – November 16, 2016**

The 14th Annual Youth in Government Day was held at the Taj Mahal Building at the Indio Fairgrounds. The event allows for high school students throughout the 4<sup>th</sup> District to job shadow County employees from a variety of departments including Fire, Mental Health, District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Department.

- **Santa's Hotline – December 14, 2016**

YAC participated in Santa's Hotline hosted by the Desert Recreation District. The council answered phone calls, speaking with children as if they were Santa, Mrs. Clause, Elves, and Frosty the Snowman.

- **8<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Competition – February 17, 2017**

In an effort to bring more young people to the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Coachella Valley YAC members organized the Eight Annual High School Competition, featuring a series of entertaining Fair contests: musical carpets, relay race, blanket balloon toss, reverse charades and school spirit. Teams from four high schools competed for the coveted Date Cup Trophy. YAC members selected the games, acted as judges and awarded trophies to the first place team.

- **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Band – February 18, 2017**

YAC held the Eight Annual Battle of the Bands, where five local bands competed for the grand prize of top-of-the-line music instruments and equipment donated by Music Depot LA. The competition was a popular attraction at the Fair and generated great attendance and excellent news coverage. YAC members had a hands-on role in organizing the event and working with judges to ensure the event ran smoothly. The Brosquitos from Desert Hot Springs were the 2017 winners.

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- **The Great Coachella Valley Clean Up– March 25, 2017**

The Great Coachella Valley Clean Up, sponsored by EDA and Code Enforcement provided an opportunity for residents of Riverside County have the opportunity to bring their non hazardous household waste, including tires, e-waste, green waste, furniture and metals for free disposal at two locations in the eastern Coachella Valley. YAC members assisted in both locations and had a variety of duties, such as loading tires into bins, checking in cars, and driving through the community picking up tires dumped illegally. There was a total of 39.96 tons of trash collected. For their hard work, YAC members received \$2,000. They donated \$1,000 each to two non-profit organizations, The ShayJ Foundations and the Joe Wine Recreation Center.

- **2017-2018 Recruitment**

Recruitment for the Fourth District Youth Advisory Council is ongoing through the end of the term and summer. YAC members provide contact information of students they recommend for the 2016- 2017 Council. YAC members have also invited potential applicants to events and meetings during the end of the term. The Fourth District YAC is promoted through local media, Supervisor Benoit's Web site and the e-report, The Benoit Bulletin, letters to school officials, community leaders and local organizations, and word of mouth.

- **Recruitment event May 12, 2017**

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council hosted their "Bring a Friend" recruitment event where each member was required to bring a friend interested in joining the council. YAC members each talked each spoke about how the council impacted them personally and some of their favorite projects. After the event YAC had a number of new students interested and ready to join!

-----Summary of the Year-----

**Goals for the 2017-2018 YAC term:**

1. Work with Senior Centers to provide interactive days between the residents and YAC.
2. Learn more about County Government
3. Work with disadvantaged youth

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**Total number of community service projects and hours:**

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The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council participated in the 2017 Boundaries BashFest hosted by the Moreno Valley Cultural Arts Foundation. This event was a concert and symposium with extremely talented individuals who represented a broad variety of disabilities at the Vanguard Art Gallery. There were many inspiring performances which took place and YAC assisted at different booths and stations.

- **Chalk it Up! – September 21, 2016**

For this event, Fifth District YAC members were invited to attend the premiere of the movie “Chalk it Up”. The movie was primarily filmed in Riverside County at the County Administrative Center Board Chambers, Riverside Community College and two private locations in Corona. After the screening they had the opportunity to ask some questions and understand her reasoning for creating the movie. It was great to see a community come together and support a film created in the city of Riverside.

- **Second Annual Walk against Childhood Obesity – September 24, 2016**

Fifth District YAC helped set up gift bags, as well as participated in the 5K walk. They provided us with breakfast and gave a few YAC members a chance to host the event when participants visited the booths. Members of the council were instructed to have competition between the children who participated in the walk and it was an all-around great event for the community to combat childhood obesity.

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- **Trunk or Treat at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church – October 29, 2016**

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- **Adopt a Family – November/December 2016**

This Council year, a few of our members had the opportunity to gather gifts for a family within our district and deliver it to them in person. All of our council members enjoyed this because they were able to see the happiness in the eyes of the family. Over the course of several weeks we donated items for the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas. This event taught the council that not everyone can be as fortunate as us and described how important it is for us to give back. After the council collected donations, we dropped them off at the house of the family in which we adopted. It was a beautiful thing to see a family so appreciate of our efforts firsthand.

- **City of Perris Christmas Parade - December 10, 2016**

For this year's Christmas Perris parade, we had the opportunity to attend and represent Supervisor Marion Ashley. We walked behind the car and gave chocolates to all the parade watchers in the audience. It was amazing to see all of the supporters. Two of the members who attended were officers of the fifth district. The members were able to walk side-by-side Supervisor Marion Ashley and his legislative Assistant, Barry Busch. The council has the opportunity to see the great impact this parade had to uplift the spirits of those in the community.

- **Community Holiday Giveaway – December 10, 2016**

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council volunteered with Community Health Systems, Inc. to assist with their Community Holiday Giveaway. Community Health Systems, Inc. is a family health center located in the city of Moreno Valley. There were hundreds of toys passed out to children and the opportunity for community members to come to the resources that they health center provides.

- **MVUSD Reading Festival – March 4, 2017**

The council members were able to volunteer their time at the Moreno Valley Unified School District's Reading Festival held at the Moreno Valley Mall. Hundreds of third graders were honored for their excellent milestones in reading. The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council helped to check in the schools and students the entire day as well as pass out the awards and assist at various booths throughout the mall.



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- **Cabazon/Whitewater Clean Up – March 11, 2017**

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council participated in a clean-up of both the community of Cabazon and Whitewater, which was set up by a staff member of Supervisor Ashley’s Office. Many community members participated in this event by bringing items that needed to be taken away whether it was rubbish near the properties, or junk items that they have not been able to get rid of. Overall, Fifth District YAC truly enjoyed getting to be a part of beautifying the community.

- **City of Moreno Valley Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch – April 8, 2017**

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council volunteered with Moreno Valley Parks and Community Services to host their annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch. The council members prepared for the day by placing the proper signs around the park as well as placing eggs for the children throughout five baseball fields. The council members assisted with clean-up of the fields and then prepared for the Bunny Brunch at the Senior Center. At the Bunny Brunch, the council members passed out plates of breakfast food to the children and their parents and assisted with announcements and introductions. During the Bunny Brunch, the Youth Advisory Council ran each specific room in order to assist each person with their activities. They were able to help with all the activities of the day as well as provide clean-up services.

- **Banning Disaster Expo – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Banning Disaster Survival Expo had many information booths, speakers, raffles and giveaways. The council participated in getting participants to fill out surveys, checking in community members and hosting Supervisor Marion Ashley's booth. Overall, this day was a great community event to get people prepared to survive a natural disaster before it happens.

- **District Tour – May 2017**

The District Tour highlighted several landmarks in both the Fifth District and Riverside County. Throughout the day, the Youth Advisory Council members were able to take tours of places such as: The Orange Empire Railway Museum, The Morongo Mission Band of Indians Reservation and Tribal Council Chambers, and the Palm Springs Tramway. The council members received education on large amounts of information about Riverside County and the Fifth District which educates them not only for their future endeavors but the importance of each of these locations. This District Tour overall made them more knowledgeable on the Fifth District, Supervisor Marion Ashley and Riverside County.

- **Care Packages – May 27, 2017**

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council created an upgraded version of their care packages that they create throughout each council year. This care package included a more durable bag and many more toiletries including shampoo, lotion, socks, deodorant and foods such as fruit cups, crackers, tuna, and trail mix. The council distributed these items to several homeless shelters in the Fifth District.

-----Summary of the Year-----

**Goals for the 2017-2018 YAC term:**

1. Create & host events focusing on cleaning the cities in the 5<sup>th</sup> District to improve our community
2. Create Opportunities to reach out to Banning, Beaumont, Perris and Meniffee along with Moreno Valley
3. Reach out to the Youth in our community and actively plan events in our committees
4. Create events that benefit the lives of others in our district such as foster youth, the homeless etc.

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