

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



**ITEM**  
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(ID # 6768)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

**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:**

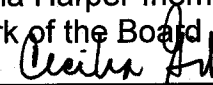
Ivann De La Cruz  
Chairman of Youth Commission

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries 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 19, 2018  
**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 volunteered for over 5,116.75 hours of community service during the past year. If those students were paid California's minimum wage of \$11.00/hour, they donated the equivalent of over \$56,284 in free services to their communities. The website "[Independentsector.org](http://Independentsector.org)" places a value of over \$24.69 per hour of volunteer work, and using this figure the YAC donated nearly \$126,332 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.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

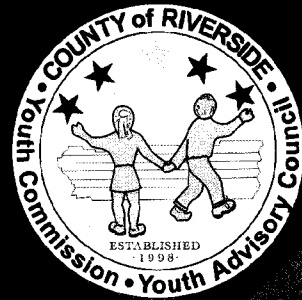
**Additional Fiscal Information**

N/A

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** Annual Report 2017-2018



# Annual Report

## 2017-2018

**Riverside County Youth Commission**  
**Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders**

## **Riverside County First District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2017-2018**

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: Alvard, 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 2017-2018 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 3 , 2017**

The 2018 Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held at the Crestmore Manor located in Jurupa Valley. The event had three different speakers including: Mickey Clowney -The Crazy Cool C's of, Riverside University Health System –Tobacco, and an Alumni Panel –YAC Experiences. Ms. Clowney taught the students how to prepare for college and complete their high school careers successfully. She is a joy to have as a speaker because she understands how to get the students engaged in her presentation. RUHS taught the students Tobacco awareness along with the prevention of tobacco use. Lastly, the alumni panel was an excellent addition towards the Youth Retreat this year because it gave the new students a bright perspective and high expectations for the program. 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 council members and the council members from other districts, through team building games and activities.

- **Homeless Outreach - August 26, 2017**

Following the Youth Retreat, 1<sup>st</sup> District compiled the toiletry kits that the Youth Commission made for the homeless and donated them to the Path of Life homeless shelter. The shelter provided us a tour of the facility and introduced us to the participants. We were also given the opportunity to spend time with them and make them feel loved. Some shared their stories, and the Youth Advisory Council gained compassion and knowledge about the homeless community of Riverside.

- **Mr. Joe's Farm – September 30, 2017**

Mr. Joe's Farm is a non-profit organization that provides free petting zoo experiences for the local community. They do accept donations and work hard to keep the farm in business. 1<sup>st</sup> District volunteered at this facility by cleaning up, raking loose dirt and leaves, pulling out

weeds, and providing suitable living conditions for the animals. The students were also able to pet and feed the animals towards the end of the cleanup.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 19, 2017**

This year's annual Youth in Government day had an amazing turnout. 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 gracious and helpful in matching all of our mentees and mentors to ensure a more accurate match for everyone involved. Youth in Government Day opened applications to our local Youth Opportunity Centers which serve at-risk and foster youth. Students from the Youth Opportunity Centers and the Youth Commission were given the privilege to mentor a county employee and discover a career that they have always imagined pursuing.

- **Mead Valley Trunk-or-Treat Event – October 25, 2017**

The Halloween events for this year kicked off with 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. The Youth Advisory Council teamed up with The Grove in facilitating the haunted house. Council members worked as traffic control and crowd control during this event.

- **Deleo Sports Park Halloween Event – October 28, 2017**

The next Halloween event the council participated in was the Festival at Deleo Sports Park in Temescal Valley. Council members had a spooky time handing out goodies, running games and even participating as cast members in a haunted hayride.

- **Good Hope Halloween Event – October 28, 2017**

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, carnival games, and handed out candy. Good Hope had a spooky haunted house that the students were able to facilitate and dress up to scare the community.

- **Lakeland Village Community Center – November 20, 2017**

The council arrived at the Lakeland Village Community Center to remodel the outskirts of the building. This center was built for the community to engage in cost effective and free resources. Students applied woodchips, handmade tiles, and left the Youth Advisory Council's love with a big heart-shaped imprint within the woodchips. 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 center that will help their community.

- **Festival of Lights – November 24, 2017**

Each year, the Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful program organizes community members to help keep the downtown area clean during the festival of lights celebration. The council helped keep this event clean by assuring that an entire block was monitored during and after the event.

- **Youth Commission Clothing Drive - December 5, 2017**

This year the Youth Commission held its first ever clothing drive. The idea behind this event is to give back to families in need during the holidays. We plan to continue this event annually. The Youth Commission volunteered as a whole and placed a different bin in each district to hold donations. Students also volunteered by donating gently used items. During the final collection day the students of the Youth Commission met in the lobby of the County Administration Center and collected and organized the clothes that were donated. In three hours the students were able to collect of twenty bags of clothes. The Youth Commission clothing drive was a very successful event and was able to help families all over Riverside County.

- **Woodcrest Cookies with Santa – December 6, 2017**

Council members joined office staff members to help with this Christmas event. This event allowed YAC members to interact with families by hosting small activities such as cookie decorating, coloring pages, and carnival games; such as the ring toss. Attendees also enjoyed snacks like hot chocolate and delicious holiday cookies while taking photos with Santa.

- **Mead Valley Breakfast with Santa – December 9, 2017**

Breakfast with Santa has been a successful and well-loved event each year around the holidays. 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. The students also volunteered by making the pancakes and serving breakfast to the families who participated.

- **Las Posadas – December 9, 2017**

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.

- **Deleo Winter Wonderland – December 16, 2017**

The event took place at the Deleo Sports Park in Temescal Valley. The event had carnival games, a cookie decorating station, a snow arena, sledding, 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. The council volunteered by managing each booth and maintaining structure within each station.

- **Clothing the Community - January 20, 2018**

For the first time ever, 1<sup>st</sup> district teamed up with Evermore Church to distribute clothes to the homeless. This event is an extension of the clothing drive collection day that occurred in December. We raised over 10 trash bags full of clothes from the Youth Commission alone. With the help of Evermore Church, they were able to multiply the donations by asking the church to contribute. Not only did we have plenty of donations, but they also handed out flyers to the homeless shelters and homeless announcing the massive free pop up shop that we were hosting.

Homeless from all over Riverside showed up to the boutique where the council had organized and arranged clothes to look like a department store. We also provided the homeless with trash bags to place all of the clothing items they selected. The students were very humbled and excited to have helped the community on a grand scale event.

- **Beautification Project – February 3, 2018**

In partnership with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful the council volunteered in ward 7. This project included litter cleanups, graffiti abatement, community greening, and storm drain cleanups in Riverside

- **A Night To Shine – February 9, 2018**

This event is an organization hosted by Tim Tebow, which occurs all over the world to celebrate people with disabilities in a prom night setting. The goal is to help people with disabilities have one of the greatest nights of their lives by setting up and hosting a worldwide prom for them to attend. Students volunteered by participating as a buddy (date) for each participant and made sure that their dates had an amazing night.

- **Be My Valentine - February 13 & 14, 2018**

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. On the 14<sup>th</sup> we partnered with Raincross Senior Living and passed out the cards to the residents. We then also spent time with the residents, by creating more cards for them to give out to their loved ones.

- **Spring Egg Scramble – March 24, 2018**

The scramble occurred at the Lakeland Village Community Center and at the Deleo Sports Park, where local families came and gathered to enjoy food, and free games and activities for the children. The Council volunteered at this event by organizing the carnival games, and making crafts with children and families. Cops and kids also donated many toys that the children were able to win from the carnival games and activities.

- **Spring Festival – March 24, 2018**

Once a year Deleo Sports Park hosts a spring festival to provide a free event for the community. This year there were free games, crafts, an Easter bunny, and most importantly an egg hunt. The council served at this event by managing the bounce house, crafts, and game booths. They also had an opportunity to participate and enjoy the event once they completed their duties.

- **Riverside County 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit - April 13, 2018**

The Youth Commission hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit at the Moreno Valley Conference Center on April 13th. High schools from throughout all five supervisorial districts were invited to the event, which covered topics such as: Youth Civic Engagement, Self Defense, and Domestic Violence. This year the Youth Summit Presentation started with a Youth Civic Engagement Presentation from Gabriel Maldonado. The students learned how they can have a greater impact within their communities by taking a stand and getting involved. The next speaker was Lauren Roselle from Esteem. Ms. Roselle demonstrated real life techniques to help anyone



or ourselves quickly escape danger. Her demonstrations included students from the audience which successfully gathered their attention. Our last speaker of the afternoon was Charles Lee-Johnson, who spoke about Domestic Violence. Dr. Lee- Johnson shared how he was personally affected by rape and domestic violence. His overall message explained how he turned his mess into a message and now lives to inspire others and uplift the next generation. Students were astonished by the end of the presentation and flooded Dr. Lee- Johnson with questions and pictures. Besides the amazing speakers we also had exhibitor booths, games, and mental health workers to attend to the student's emotional needs. For the first time ever, the Youth Summit was filmed on Facebook Live and had a lot of viewers outside of the event. One big achievement that the Youth Commission met this year was that we spent almost \$17,000 less than last year, which was one of our goals to bring down the overhead costs. This year's Youth Summit impacted many students and set hearts on fire to make a change within their communities.

- **Tamale Festival- April 21, 2018**

Our First District YAC Council attended the Tamale Festival and volunteered to facilitate the entire event. During the Festival, our YAC worked alongside staff and community members. The kids got a chance to interact with the community by providing them with flyers, assisting them with directions, and keeping the event clean and organized. 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.

- **Clean Extreme - April 28, 2018**

Each year, hundreds of extremely dedicated volunteers, non-profits, and community organizations come together to beautify and improve areas of the City of Lake Elsinore as part the Clean Extreme initiative. The mission is to invite and inspire residents, businesses, leaders, faith-based organizations, nonprofits and others to beautify and improve the City of Lake Elsinore through the investment of their time, resources and love for our community. The council volunteered at this year's event by picking up trash, cleaning up weeds, trimming plants, pouring concrete, painting and cleaning up participating areas and beautifying the levee and trail.

- **Temescal Valley Community Fair- May 19, 2018**

This annual event takes place each year in May. The Temescal Heritage Foundation sponsors the event and celebrated their Bicentennial Anniversary. Our YAC members volunteered by assisting with games and activities as well as volunteering at the First District information booth.

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**Summary of the Year**

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

1. At-Risk Youth Outreach
  2. Persons with Disabilities Outreach
  3. Homeless Outreach
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**Total Number of Community Service Projects and Hours:**

Council members delivered 22 Community Service Projects and dedicated 982 hours of community service to the First District of Riverside County. Overall, 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.

## **Riverside County Second District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2017-2018**

The Second District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who 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 2017-2018 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **H. E. L. P. Helping Elders Live Prosperously**

H. E. L. P. committee members made a goal this year to coordinate fun events to ensure that the senior citizens in our communities do not feel forgotten. Members of the Council volunteered at various senior citizen homes, such as the Country Village Senior Citizen Home and the Eddie D Smith Senior Citizen Home, where they not only participated in events made by the Citizen Home, but organized Holiday-themed events throughout the year.

- **Green Machine**

The Youth Advisory Council members for this committee 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.

- **H. O. P. E. Helping Other People Everywhere**

The H.O.P.E. Committee members were committed to helping the District's homeless. The H.O.P.E. committee's main focus is to make a positive impact to those with financial burdens by hosting events and providing necessary supplies to make a difference.

Listed below are the key project the 2017-2018 Second District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.

- **Youth Retreat – August 3, 2017**

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- **Riverside County Animal Shelter's "Clear the Shelter" Event- August 19, 2017**

This is a day where animals were adopted out at \$4.52 country-wide. Council members advertised the event as well as provided assistance to the shelter, vendors, and guest interested in adopting an animal. This event was a wonderful learning experience for the council in terms of crowd management and organization, as well as allowed for the council to take an active part in engaging with and helping the community at large in a direct manner.

- **Riverside Arts and Music Festival – September 9, 2017**

The Council assisted Riverside Downtown Partnership with their second 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 council to downtown Riverside's rich history and culture.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Santa Ana River and City Waterways Cleanup- Saturday September 30, 2017**

The council volunteered alongside other community members who were split into groups with diverging tasks pertaining to an impairment near the waterway. Along the route, volunteers encountered an array of items such as tires, plastic bags, lids, etc. Further, along the structure of the road was graffiti which was remediated by having a team paint over the writings. A keen awareness was brought to the council by which they discovered the pollution affecting their water bodies.

- **Downtown Riverside Fall Fashion Show- October 5, 2017**

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.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 19, 2017**

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- **Zombie Crawl- October 21, 2017**

The Council participated in the Annual Riverside Zombie Crawl hosted by Riverside Downtown Partnership in Downtown Riverside. This was a Halloween themed event where members ran the arts and crafts area, the carnival games, the photo booth, helped to guide the parade and managed the contestants for the costume contest. The members enjoyed interacting with all the children and families who were in attendance.

- **Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular- October 28, 2017**

The Riverside County Department of Animal Services hosted a "trunk or treat" event where the council assisted with various organizational tasks as well as acted as the judges in the costume contest. Additionally, council members providing help with any pet needs.

- **Operation Safehouse Stuff the Bus - November 2, 2017**

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 encourage donations from the public, then supported in the sorting of the donated items.

- **No One Eats Alone Country Village Thanksgiving Event - November 23, 2017**

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 Country Village by serving their meals and spending quality time with the residents.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Festival of Lights- November 24, 2017**

The Festival of Lights, an annual event garnered with the ethos of the holidays, can become saturated with rummage disposed of on sidewalks and common pathways. In order to keep both the city and the event in pristine conditions, the Council accumulated the trash and disposed of it for a litter prevention effort.

- **Pacifica Senior Living Center Yard Sale- December 2, 2017**

At the Pacifica Senior Living Center, members of the community organized an event for residents to buy and sell items such as books, board games, small appliances, clothe, and trinkets while simultaneously supporting and advertising the center. Volunteers were given the task of coordinating the products in a fashion that was accommodating for the staff to conduct their business.

- **Youth Commission Clothing Drive - December 5, 2017**

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to collect of twenty bags of clothes. The Youth Commission clothing drive was a very successful event and was able to help families all over Riverside County.

- **Riverside Downtown Partnership Miracle on Main Street – December 10, 2017**

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.

- **Path of Life Ministries Donation- December 12, 2017; January 16, 2018**

Second District created hygiene kits that included shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste and donated them to Path of Life Ministries Family Shelter. They also collected gently used clothing and was able to give it to those who are in need within the community.

- **Winter Wonderland-December 15, 2017**

Second District hosted the first annual Winter Wonderland event at the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center. The council brought food and drinks for the seniors, played bingo and other games, and even set up karaoke for the seniors.

- **Kin Care Holiday Giving – December 18, 2017**

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.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Dario Vasquez Park Clean Up- February 3, 2018**

Second District volunteers helped with storm drain cleanups, litter in the park, surrounding neighborhoods, graffiti abatement, and community greening. The council saw areas of the community that are in need of special attention and were able to make a difference by improving the quality and cleanliness of the park.

- **Country Village's Friendship Dinner Valentine's Day Event -February 14, 2018**

This year the Second District council members had the opportunity to volunteer at a Valentine's Day dinner at Country Village. This was the first year they invited us for a Valentine's Day event and it had a great turn out. The event consisted of dinner, karaoke, and live performances. Volunteers helped plate the food and serve the seniors their meals, along with leading the check in process and socializing with them to make their experience more enjoyable.

- **Riverside County Animal Shelter Vaccine Clinic- February 16 & 17, 2018; March 17, 2018; April 21, 2018**

This year the Second District helped the Riverside County Animal Shelter organize their half priced vaccine clinic. Volunteers served by directing customers to registration, organizing paperwork, and was overseeing animal well-being. They also gave a hand in giving tours of the

shelter for college students by directing them to the different stations, participating in small clean ups, learning about the different jobs, and assisting with rock painting.

- **Senior Sweetheart Social-February 24, 2018**

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 singing and dancing. This was a successful event that brought the senior community and the Youth Council together.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Council Ward 7 Beautification Project-March 3, 2018**

This year the Second District YAC volunteered at a lot of clean ups and this one had a big turnout. Volunteers picked up trash in the park, neighborhoods, and empty lots surrounding all of Ward 7 in Riverside. They also helped with graffiti abatement and restoring the community due to storm damage.

- **Veterans Memorial Highway Cleanup- March 31, 2018**

With the aid of the *Veterans for Veterans* organization, the council collected trash littered upon the Van Buren highway. Such beautification contributed to an environment in Riverside County by which: the Second District Youth Advisory Council developed a cleaner and safer community and the veterans procure the respect they deserve.

- **University of California, Riverside Plant Sale-April 7, 2018**

Second District helped host the Spring UCR Botanical Gardens plant sale. The Council acted as cashiers, guarded plants for purchasers, and transfer plants into the cars of people who purchased large plants. The council helped make boxes for the plants to be carried in and welcomed customers entering the garden.

- **Autism Awareness Project- April 13, 2018**

This year the council made blue puzzle piece pins for the 20th Annual Youth Summit. The puzzle pieces were made to bring awareness towards autism. The council purchased, painted, and gathered together to make the pieces in order to bring awareness this year to autism during the Youth Summit. During the Youth Summit, the council explained what the puzzle pieces meant and why they were important to talk about and remember.

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- **YMCA "Pancake and Pozole" Fundraiser- April 14, 2018**

The council assisted the Corona Norco YMCA by setting up the event, arranging utensils, serving drinks, making pancakes, and standing at the gates for security. To aid those who are impoverished, the YMCA was open to those who needed food for the day welcoming all to participate in communion, inclusive of the volunteers. Despite the situation of the council members, the council was able perceive the state of local citizens who struggle to make ends meet.

- **Healthy Living Extravaganza-April 28, 2018**

The council executed the event by helping direct traffic to the correct destinations of parking, running game booths, and keeping kids safe inside the jumping houses. The council arrived early to help set up the event and helped create a positive environment throughout the Healthy Living Extravaganza.

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

**Goals for the 2018-2019 YAC term:**

- 1. Second District would like to focus on the concern of homeless youth within its jurisdiction.**
- 2. The council would like to plan more events and projects in regards to improving the quality of life of the homeless in Riverside County.**

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

Council members delivered 28 projects and dedicated 2,401 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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The Second District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.



## **Riverside County Third District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2017-2018**

The Third District 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 Great Oak High School, Hemet High School, San Jacinto High School, Temecula Valley High School, Vista Murrieta High School, and West Valley High School.

Listed below are key projects that the Third District Youth Advisory Council of 2017-2018 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 24, 2017**

The 2018 Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held at the Crestmore Manor located in Jurupa Valley. The event had three different speakers including: Mickey Clowney -The Crazy Cool C's of, Riverside University Health System –Tobacco, and an Alumni Panel –YAC Experiences. Ms. Clowney taught the students how to prepare for college and complete their high school careers successfully. She is a joy to have as a speaker because she understands how to get the students engaged in her presentation. RUHS taught the students Tobacco awareness along with the prevention of tobacco use. Lastly, the alumni panel was an excellent addition towards the Youth Retreat this year because it gave the new students a bright perspective and high expectations for the program. 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 council members and the council members from other districts, through team building games and activities.

- **Temecula Promenade College Fair – September 23, 2017**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council ran a resource 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 and various County resources. The YAC members also had the opportunity to visit approximately 150 different college booths at the event. 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.

- **Lake Skinner Clean Up – September 30, 2017**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council members adopted a trail from the County Parks Department. The council's adopted trail is located at Lake Skinner. The council members clean the trail for the community to enjoy. During this cleanup, the council members were provided with tools such as reachers, shovels, rakes, and shears to amend the trail's pathway from the County Parks Department to clean up trash and debris that were found scattered throughout the lots.

Council members enjoyed this event because they felt they made an enormous impact that could be visibly seen by the local community.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 19, 2017**

This year's annual Youth in Government Day had an amazing turnout. Riverside County's Human Resources department allowed participants to use their career aptitude survey to match mentees with a mentor based on their career interests. The Human Resources department was gracious and helpful in matching all of our mentees and mentors to ensure that everyone involved received an accurate match. Youth from our local Youth Opportunity Centers were also invited to participate in Youth in Government. Youth in Government Day gave the students the opportunity to shadow a county employee and discover a career that they have always imagined pursuing.

- **Spooktacular - October 21, 2017**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council volunteered at the Riverside County Animal Shelter in San Jacinto for Spooktacular. During this event, the YAC members served as crossing guards, food servers, traffic guards, game facilitators, vendor booth helpers, and animal caretakers. Through this event, they had the chance to learn about all aspects of the animal shelter from patient intake to grooming and adoption. They also had opportunities to show the community how hardworking and versatile the Youth Advisory Council can be. This event exposed the council to different kinds of tasks and responsibilities and they excelled with all of them. At the conclusion of the day, some YAC members applied to be ongoing volunteers with the shelter.

- **San Jacinto Candy Corner Event – October 27, 2017**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council operated a booth on behalf of Supervisor Washington's office 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 the community. Our booth consisted of an activity where the kids would "bob for cookies". We also had sweet treats, candy, county resources as well as an area where the kids could take pictures with YAC members. This event allowed the council to connect with young kids and their families within the Hemet/San Jacinto community.

- **KinCare Harvest Fest – October 27, 2017**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council volunteered for KinCare as they hosted their Annual Harvest Fest. The event was held at the Empower Youth Center in Hemet. The purpose of the event was to provide the families in the KinCare program with an alternative to trick-or-treating. Third District's Youth Advisory Council had a booth at the event consisting of activities and prizes for 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 28, 2017**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council members participated in the National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk at Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet. The walk is an annual fundraiser and awareness event for NAMI Inland Empire. YAC members collected a total of \$160.00 in donations and then participated in the 5km walk. Our council represented Supervisor Chuck Washington by naming our team the "Washington Warriors". 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.

- **Adopt-A-Family Holiday Giving – November 21, 2017**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council donated food to four families in the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Each family was provided with Ham, turkey, stuffing, macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, dinner rolls, pies, and sweet tea. YAC members bagged all the items and delivered them to the families on November 21, 2017. 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.

- **KinCare Christmas Party – December 2, 2017**

The council participated at the Annual KinCare Christmas Dinner. This event was put on to give those who may not have enough food for Christmas dinner, a place to come and enjoy the holiday. The council appreciated the opportunity make a difference in the lives of individuals from KinCare. The council assisted with setting up and taking down the event and had the privilege of spending time with some of the people who reside in the Hemet/San Jacinto community. At the event YAC members helped serve food, carried guest's plates to the tables, and wiped down tables.

- **Adopt-A-Family Holiday Giving – December 16, 2017**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council donated toys and money in order to provide children in the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program with presents for the holidays. This year the council adopted four families with a total of 11 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 16, 2017.

- **TLC Packages – February 17, 2018**

The TLC Package Project was an event that was designed by the council to spread love to the residents at Valley Restart Shelter in Hemet. The packages were separated and packed by gender. The female bag contained socks, women's razors, sanitary items, deodorant, bar soap, lip balm, hair ties, and granola bars. The male bag contained socks, men's razors, deodorant, shaving cream, bar soap, lip balm, and granola bars. When the members delivered the packages, they were given a tour of the facility and had the opportunity to meet some of the residents. It was truly a heart-warming experience.

- **Habitat for Humanity Marathon – March 3, 2018**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council volunteered at the Habitat for Humanity Marathon, a fundraiser to help build more homes in the area. The council helped set up different stations and facilitated all of the aid stations throughout the marathon. The aid stations provided runners with water, Gatorade, electrolytes, snacks, and first aid. This event helped increase teamwork and bonding among the council members.

- **Teen Wellness Workshop – March 17, 2018**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council was invited to attend the Teen Wellness Workshop in Perris. This event was organized entirely by the Perris Youth Advisory Council. Vendors from school districts, health organizations, and anti-bullying projects presented on the importance of mental, physical, and emotional wellness among youth in the Hemet/Perris/San Jacinto area. The anti-bullying council called “Love 4 Life” presented the most impactful presentation. They spoke on bullying, its stigmas, the consequences, and the solutions towards ending it. At the end of the workshop, all the event participants stood along the street sidewalk and waved “positivity posters” to spread happiness to the community. Many people waved or honked their horns in support. This workshop truly changed the way YAC members think about mental, physical, and emotional wellness.

- **Recycling Project – April 1, 2018**

The Recycling Project began in April and will be a yearlong project. The YAC members collect bottles and cans as a fundraiser for our Third District YAC Budget and End of the Year Party. The project has shifted into a competition between the boys and the girls to see who can collect the most recyclables. This project is an excellent way for the Youth Advisory Council to spread awareness on the importance of recycling and encourage healthy competition between the boys and girls.

- **Lake Skinner Clean-Up/Seed Planting – April 7, 2018**

During this cleanup, the third district council members were provided tools to clean up trash and debris that was found scattered throughout the lots. In attempt to beautify our trail, the council planted wild flowers along the trail. Within next few weeks, the flowers will bloom with beautiful, bright orange petals. The council members enjoyed planting the flowers because they felt they left their mark on Lake Skinner for all visitors to enjoy.

- **Riverside County 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit - April 13, 2018**

The Riverside County Youth Commission hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit at the Moreno Valley Conference Center on April 13, 2018. High schools throughout Riverside County were invited to the event, which discussed topics such as: Youth Civic Engagement, Self Defense, and Domestic Violence. This year the Youth Summit began with the Youth Civic Engagement workshop presented by Gabriel Maldonado, Tru Evolution. The students learned how they can make a great impact in their communities by getting involved. The next speaker was Lauren Roselle from Esteem. Ms. Roselle demonstrated real life techniques to help students combat/escape danger. The last speaker of the afternoon was Charles Lee-Johnson, who spoke about Domestic Violence. Dr. Lee- Johnson shared his personal story regarding sexual assault and domestic violence. His overall message explained how individuals can turn a mess into a message by living to inspire and uplift the next generation. Students were astonished by the end of the presentation and flooded Dr. Lee- Johnson with questions and pictures. The Youth Summit also included exhibitor booths, games, and mental health workers to assist the student’s emotional needs.

- **KinCare Family Day Picnic – April 21, 2018**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council members assisted with carnival games and served lunch at KinCare’s Family Day at the Colonel Mitts Park in San Jacinto. Our structure consisted of an activity where the kids would “bob for cookies” and receive sweet treats and toys for prizes. This event allowed the council to connect with families in the Hemet/San Jacinto community.

- **Day of the Young Child – April 28, 2018**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council members were invited to participate in the Day of the Young Child event held at Mt. San Jacinto, San Jacinto campus. We had a table full of resources from multiple county departments and the cookie eating structure with prizes and stickers for the kids. This event was a great opportunity to promote the Youth Advisory Council, share county resources in the Hemet/San Jacinto community.

- **Project BOO BEAR – May 1, 2018**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council has collaborated with the Centennial Lions' Project BOO BEAR to help collect small stuffed animals for children involved in horrific car accidents, house fires, and/or traumatic hospital visits. At every Hemet council meeting, YAC members bring their small stuffed animals and drop them in the “Boo Bear Bin” located in the lobby of the Valle Vista Sherriff Station. Every month, a representative of the Centennial Lions picks up the stuffed animals and distributes them to fire stations, police stations, and hospitals in the Hemet/San Jacinto area. This project allows YAC members to bring children much needed tranquility in a time of need.

- **YAC Recruitment and Information Session – May 2018**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council, Third District holds their recruitment sessions in the month of May. The YAC members planned two information sessions for perspective members to attend. One session was held in Hemet and the other was held in Murrieta. This allowed students throughout the district to attend an information session close to them. The council members used a PowerPoint presentation as well as trivia games to convey information about the council. The recruitment sessions were very successful and we were able to fill all the open spots on the council.

- **Jamil Dada Character Excellence Youth Awards Ceremony - May 18, 2018**

The Youth Commission Officers volunteered at the Jamil Dada Character Excellence Awards by greeting and seating the attendees. This event honors youth throughout Riverside County who were able to overcome adversities in their lives while still demonstrating excellent character.

- **End of Year Party – June 2, 2018**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council members hosted their end of the year party at Lake Skinner as a closure to the 2017-2018 YAC term. Council members received several accolades for their leadership and service throughout the year.

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

Goals for the 2017-2018 YAC term:

- Community Outreach: Homeless and Impoverished
- Environmental Awareness: Trail Preservation and Recycling Projects

Teen Wellness: Mental Illness Awareness, Suicide and Bullying Prevention -----

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Council members completed 17 projects and dedicated a total of 690 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 2017-2018**

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 Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Nova, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Shadow Hills and Coachella Valley high schools.

Listed are the key projects the 2017-2018 Fourth District Youth Advisory accomplished throughout the year:

- **Youth Retreat – August 24, 2017**

The 2018 Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held at the Crestmore Manor located in Jurupa Valley. The event had three different speakers including: Mickey Clowney -The Crazy Cool C's of, Riverside University Health System –Tobacco, and an Alumni Panel –YAC Experiences. Ms. Clowney taught the students how to prepare for college and complete their high school careers successfully. She is a joy to have as a speaker because she understands how to get the students engaged in her presentation. RUHS taught the students Tobacco awareness along with the prevention of tobacco use. Lastly the alumni panel was an excellent addition towards the Youth Retreat this year because it gave the new students a bright perspective and high expectations for the program. 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 council members and the council members from other districts, through team building games and activities.

- **Regional Access Project (RAP) Fast Pitch Speaker – September 28, 2017**

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 was Ken Carter most famously know for the 2005 film "Coach Carter". On the night of the conference, RAP Foundation hosted a special dinner at the Double Tree Hotel in Cathedral City, 10 YAC members were invited to attend and listen to Ken Carter speak.

- **Coachella Valley Animal Campus Volunteer Orientation – October 18, 2017**

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council participated a required orientation which would allow YAC members to start volunteering at the shelter on a monthly basis. The orientation took 2 hours and taught members how to recognize behavioral signs that show the animals are uncomfortable or scared. YAC members were also taught how what do to if they believe an animal is sick.

- **Children's Craft Day at Coachella Valley Rescue Mission – October 29, 2017**

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.

- **Palm Springs Pride Parade – November 5, 2017**

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council walked along side Supervisor Manuel Perez in the Pride Parade hosted by the Greater Palm Springs Pride. *Palm Springs Pride* is Southern California's popular and longest-running LGBT festival in the Coachella Valley. Students were able to enjoy the festival that took place after the parade.

- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren "Adopt A Family" – December 2017**

YAC adopted 3 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 three families.

- **Coachella Valley Animal Campus Volunteer Day – December 2, 2017**

YAC's first day of volunteering at the shelter consisted of a short training on how to handle and take dogs and cats out of the kennels. YAC spent 3 hours playing and walking several different dogs. A few YAC members also spent time cuddling and playing with the cats.

- **Tamale Festival Parade – December 2, 2017**

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council walked along side Supervisor Manuel Perez in the Tamale Festival Parade hosted by the City of Indio. The Tamale Festival is the country's largest tamale festival. The rich heritage of the tamale, consistent community support and hardworking tamale makers have created the festival's tremendous success. Recently, the Food Network-TV ranked the Indio International Tamale Festival in the top 10 "All-American Food Festivals" in the nation!

- **Palm Springs Festival of Lights Parade – December 2, 2017**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Lights Parade was held in downtown Palm Springs in early December, helping local residents and tourists ring in the holiday season. YAC was responsible for walking banners and floats down the parade route. Some YAC members had the privilege of walking alongside Supervisor V. Manuel Perez's float and singing Christmas carols.

- **City of Coachella Comic Con Christmas Parade – December 8, 2017**

YAC walked along side Supervisor Perez in the City of Coachella Comic Con Christmas Parade. YAC members dressed up in Superhero and holiday gear. The parade was a fun and festive way to help local residents get in the holiday spirit. After the parade, residents were able to enjoy a festival with lots food and games.



- **Desert Hot Springs Holiday Parade – December 9, 2017**

The Desert Hot Springs Holiday parade helped local residents and tourists ring in the holiday season. YAC was responsible for walking banners and floats down the parade route. Some YAC members had the privilege of walking alongside Supervisor V. Manuel Perez's float and singing Christmas carols.

- **American Outreach Foundations American Car Show- December 9, 2017**

YAC participated in the American Car show helping with clean up and take down of the event. All proceeds benefit the American Outreach Foundation & remain in the Coachella Valley to help donate electric wheelchairs to veterans & low-income seniors.

- **Cathedral City Snow Fest - December 9, 2017**

YAC had the opportunity to participate in Cathedral City's first ever holiday parade. The helped local residents and tourists ring in the holiday season. YAC was responsible for walking Supervisor Perez's banner and floats down the parade route. Some YAC members had the privilege of walking alongside Supervisor V. Manuel Perez's float and singing Christmas carols.

- **Santa's Hotline – December 13, 2017**

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.

- **Youth Commission Clothes Drive - January 14, 2018**

This year the Youth Commission held its first ever clothing drive. The idea behind this event is to give back to families in need. We plan to continue this event annually. The Youth Commission volunteered as a whole and placed a different bin in each district to hold donations. Students also volunteered by donating gently used items. During the final collection day the students of the Youth Commission met in the lobby of the County Administration Center and collected and organized the clothes that were donated. In three hours the students were able to collect of twenty bags of clothes. The Youth Commission clothing drive was a very successful event and was able to help families all over Riverside County. YAC members in the Fourth District sorted through donated clothes and washed them before donating them to local homeless shelters.

- **8<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Competition – February 16, 2018**

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.

- **The Carver Tract Clean Up– February 29, 2018**

The Carver Tract Clean Up, sponsored by EDA and Supervisor Manuel Perez provided an opportunity for residents of Carver Tract to have the opportunity to bring their nonhazardous household waste, including tires, e-waste, green waste, furniture and metals for free disposal. All residents had to do was leave the waste on the side of the street and volunteers along with waste resources picked it up. YAC members assisted throughout the day and had a variety of duties. YAC members received \$2,000. They donated \$1,000 each to two non-profit organizations, Operation Safehouse of the Desert and the American Outreach Foundation.

- **Youth in Government Day – March 15, 2018**

The 15th 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. This year we had over 100 students from surrounding high schools job shadow approximately 70 county employees.

- **Coachella Valley Animal Campus Volunteer Day – April 7, 2018**

This has become one of the council's favorite events and members are always excited to volunteer at the shelter. YAC spent 3 hours playing and walking several different dogs. A few members also spent time cuddling and playing with the cats. YAC also had the opportunity to assist with a few adoptions.

- **Youth Summit Bag Set Up – April 8, 2018**

Every year at the Youth Summit students are given a goodie bag to take home with them. This bag contains donated items from our many sponsors as well as information materials on different resources available to students. The Fourth District Council helped assemble over 300 bags and folded shirts that were also handed out.

- **Riverside County 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit - April 13, 2018**

The Youth Commission hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit at the Moreno Valley Conference Center on April 13th. High schools from throughout all five supervisorial districts were invited to the event, which covered topics such as: Youth Civic Engagement, Self Defense, and Domestic Violence. This year the Youth Summit Presentation started with a Youth Civic Engagement Presentation from Gabriel Maldonado. The students learned how they can have a greater impact within their communities by taking a stand and getting involved. The next speaker was Lauren Roselle from Esteem. Ms. Roselle demonstrated real life techniques to help anyone or ourselves quickly escape danger. Her demonstrations included students from the audience which successfully gathered their attention. Our last speaker of the afternoon was Charles Lee-Johnson, who spoke about Domestic Violence. Dr. Lee- Johnson shared how he was personally affected by rape and domestic violence. His overall message explained how he turned his mess into a message and now lives to inspire others and uplift the next generation. Students were astonished by the end of the presentation and flooded Dr. Lee- Johnson with questions and pictures. Besides the amazing speakers we also had exhibitor booths, games, and mental health workers to attend to the student's emotional needs. For the first time ever, the Youth Summit was filmed on Facebook Live and had

a lot of viewers outside of the event. One big achievement that the Youth Commission met this year was that we spent almost \$17,000 less than last year, which was one of our goals to bring down the overhead costs. This year's Youth Summit impacted many students and set hearts on fire to make a change within their communities.

- **Coachella Valley Animal Campus Volunteer Day – May 19, 2018**

This has become one of the council's favorite events and members are always excited to volunteer at the shelter. YAC spent 3 hours playing and walking several different dogs. A few members also spent time cuddling and playing with the cats. YAC also had the opportunity to assist with a few adoptions. YAC plans to continue volunteer at the shelter during their summer break.

- **2018-2019 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 2018- 2019 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 Perez's Web site and the e-report, The Perez Post, letters to school officials, community leaders and local organizations, and word of mouth.

-----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:**

Council members delivered 22 projects and dedicated 1,265 hours of community service to the Fourth District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

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The Fourth District YACs would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

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## **Riverside County Fifth District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2017-2018**

The Youth Advisory Council is a representative student body from high schools in the Fifth District of Riverside County. High Schools that are located within the Fifth District include: Banning, Beaumont, Canyon Springs, Glen View, Heritage, Moreno Valley, Nuvview Bridge Early College, Paloma Valley, Perris, Parris Lake, Rancho Verde, Valley View, and Vista Del Lago. Listed below are key projects that the Youth Advisory Council of 2017-2018 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 3, 2017**

The 2017 Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held at the Crestmore Manor located in Jurupa Valley. The event had three different speakers including: Mickey Clowney -The Crazy Cool C's of, Riverside University Health System –Tobacco, and an Alumni Panel –YAC Experiences. Ms. Clowney taught the students how to prepare for college and complete their high school careers successfully. She is a joy to have as a speaker because she understands how to get the students engaged in her presentation. RUHS taught the students Tobacco awareness along with the prevention of tobacco use. Lastly the alumni panel was an excellent addition towards the Youth Retreat this year because it gave the new students a bright perspective and high expectations for the program. 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 council members and the council members from other districts, through team building games and activities.

- **Clean Up at Gateway Park – September 2, 2017**

The council had a clean-up at Gateway Park in Moreno Valley. The students had trash bags, gloves and were ready to beautify Gateway Park. After the clean up the council played different team building games and bond more as a council and to learn more about each other. After the event, the council was closer and was ready to take on the council year.

- **MVHCC El Grito – September 15, 2017**

The Fifth District YAC got to participate in the Fifth Annual El Grito event hosted by the Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. At the event the council members were in charge of keeping all bathrooms clean, emptying the trash cans at the event, and helping the vendors. At the event there were many performances and activities. The purpose of this event was to bring together the Hispanic community in Moreno Valley.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 19, 2017**

This year's annual Youth in Government day had an amazing turnout. 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 gracious and helpful in matching all of our mentees and mentors to ensure a more accurate match for everyone involved. Youth in Government Day opened applications to our local Youth Opportunity Centers which serve at-risk and foster youth. Students from the Youth Opportunity Centers and the Youth Commission were given the privilege to mentor a county employee and discover a career that they have always imagined pursuing.

- **Peanuts the Great Pumpkin Patch Express – October 21, 2017**

The Orange Empire Railway Museum hosted a Snoopy themed pumpkin patch where families could ride the train around the museum and pick out pumpkins to carve for Halloween. The council helped watch over the kids and monitor different booths like face painting, crafts and snack booth.

- **Boys and Girls Club of Perris 5k – October 27, 2017**

The Boys and Girls Club of Perris hosted their annual 5k run to raise money for their program. At this event the council members helped keep the runners on the right track and distributed waters to the runs at check points. The students were able to cheer on the runners and got to play games with the boys and girls after the race was over.

- **Operation SafeHouse Stuff the Bus – November 2, 2017**

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.

- **Day Out With Thomas – November 4, 2017**

The council volunteered at the Orange Empire Railway Museum at their Day Out with Thomas event. At this event students were placed in multiple places around the museum. Students directed traffic, helped with parking, helped at the convenience store, watched over one of the train museums, and helped watch over kids at the event.

- **College Tour - November 18, 2017**

This council year the Fifth District Youth Advisory Council partnered with the Fourth District Youth Advisory Council and tour the University of California, San Diego campus. The students were able to tour the campus and got a chance to connect with the Fourth District Youth Advisory Council.

- **Riverside University Health System Festival of Trees Gala – November 21, 2017**

For this year's Festival of Trees Gala, we had the opportunity to attend and volunteer for the event. The students helped with the silent auction and once the auction was over the students

distributed the auction items to the winners of the auctions. It was an honor to volunteer for this event and to be a part of something so special.

- **RUHS Festival of Trees Story Time with Santa – November 24, 2017**

The Festival of Trees festivities to kick off the Christmas spirit continued after the Gala. The students volunteered at the Festival of Light Story Time with Santa. At this event the students helped set up the room with snacks and crafts for the kids coming to see Santa. After the kids were done with the crafts they all sat down and read a story with Santa. At the end of this event, the students helped pick up the room and prepared for the next event.

- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Adopt a Family – December 2017**

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 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 our efforts firsthand.

- **Youth Commission Christmas Clothing Drive – December 5, 2017**

This year the Youth Commission held its first ever clothing drive. The idea behind this event is to give back to families in need during the holidays. We plan to continue this event annually. Each of the districts volunteered as a whole and placed a different bin in each district to hold donations. Students also volunteered by donating gently used items. During the final collection day the students of the Youth Commission met in the lobby of the County Administration Center and collected and organized the clothes that were donated. In three hours the students were able to collect twenty bags of clothes. The Youth Commission clothing drive was a very successful event and was able to help families all over Riverside County.

- **City of Perris Christmas Parade – December 9, 2017**

For this year's Christmas Perris Parade, we had the opportunity to attend the parade and exemplify Supervisor Marion Ashley's dedication to the Fifth District. We walked behind the car and gave candy to all the parade watchers in the audience. It was amazing to see all of the supporters. Four 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 had the opportunity to see the great impact this parade had to uplift the spirits of those in the community.

- **City of Menifee Elf Training – December 15, 2017**

The council participated in the City of Menifee Elf Training that trained them on the upcoming event the following day, the City of Menifee Santa's Workshop. The students were given a tour of the facility where the event would take place and all the jobs they will need to do the day of the event.

- **City of Menifee Santa's Workshop – December 16, 2017**

The City of Menifee hosted an event for the community called Santa's workshop. At this event there were multiple stations for kids to go to and get toys. There were over one thousand kids in attendance and each kid went home with bags full of toys. The council members acted as Santa's helpers and passed out toys to the kids. The students also helped keep families going in the right direction and kept the lines flowing.

- **Clean Up at Lake Perris – January 20, 2018**

The council members spent a morning at Lake Perris National Park in Moreno Valley. The students enjoyed the beautiful view and cleaned up the beaches at Lake Perris. The students collected over 10 bags of trash at the end of the event.

- **Blanket Making – January 27, 2018**

The council members brought fleece material and made fleece tie blankets for the Animal Shelter in Moreno Valley. The students made over 50 fleece blankets to help the animals stay warm during the cold winter months.

- **Blanket Drop Off – February 3, 2018**

The council members went to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter and dropped off the fleece blankets they made. While the students were there they got to go on a tour of the animal shelter and got to see the scenes of what goes on at the animal shelter. The staff at the animal shelter were very thankful for the donations.

- **Volunteer Barbeque – February 24, 2018**

The council helped prepare a barbeque feast for the volunteers of the Orange Empire Railway Museum. The students helped serve dinner to over 50 volunteers. While the council was at the museum they got to ride around in the train and tour the museum.

- **Fifth District Annual District Tour – March 30, 2018**

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 March Air Reserve Base, Edward Dean Museum, Morongo Mission Band of Indians Reservation and Tribal Council Chambers, and the Palm Springs Tramway. The council members received education on Riverside County and the Fifth District which allows them to appreciate their district and county. The tour also shows the students importance of each of these locations. This District Tour overall made them more knowledgeable on the Fifth District, Supervisor Marion Ashley and Riverside County.

- **March Air Reserve Base Air Show – April 8, 2018**

The base puts on the air show every two years for the community. At this event they had food, games, and live shows of the aircrafts at the base. Thousands of people come out to take part in the event. At the air show the students were placed at different food booths. They prepared food and assisted customers with money.

- **Riverside County 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit - April 13, 2018**

The Youth Commission hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit at the Moreno Valley Conference Center on April 13th. High schools from throughout all five supervisorial districts were invited to the event, which covered topics such as: Youth Civic Engagement, Self Defense, and Domestic Violence. This year the Youth Summit Presentation started with a Youth Civic Engagement Presentation from Gabriel Maldonado. The students learned how they can have a greater impact within their communities by taking a stand and getting involved. The next speaker was Lauren Roselle from Esteem. Ms. Roselle demonstrated real life techniques to help anyone or ourselves quickly escape danger. Her demonstrations included students from the audience which successfully gathered their attention. Our last speaker of the afternoon was Charles Lee-Johnson, who spoke about Domestic Violence. Dr. Lee- Johnson shared how he was personally affected by rape and domestic violence. His overall message explained how he turned his mess into a message and now lives to inspire others and uplift the next generation. Students were astonished by the end of the presentation and flooded Dr. Lee- Johnson with questions and pictures. Besides the amazing speakers we also had exhibitor booths, games, and mental health workers to attend for the student's emotional needs. For the first time ever, the Youth Summit was filmed on Facebook Live and had a lot of viewers outside of the event. This year's Youth Summit impacted many students and set hearts on fire to make a change within their communities.

- **Drug Free Week – April 22; April 28, 2018**

This year the Fifth District Youth Advisory Council had the first Drug Free week. During this week the council promoted drug awareness to their peers. The council made posters to put up at their schools to promote being drug free. The students also made tie dye shirts to wear at the Bring-A-Friend to YAC meeting to promote being drug free. At the Bring-A-Friend to YAC meeting the council members made tie yarn bracelets with their friends to make their promise to be drug free. Throughout the week the council members were promoting drug awareness and being drug free and used the hashtags #drugfreeYAC2018 and #bedrugfreewithme. The goal of this event was to raise awareness on drug and alcohol abuse in the community and to take a stand on being drug free.

- **Quail Valley Human Resource Fair – April 28, 2018**

The council volunteered at the Quail Valley Human Resource Fair. At this event community members from Quail Valley came out to get information on programs and activities that Riverside County and the Fifth District have to offer. Riverside University Health System, Workforce Development, the Sheriff's Department, and many other organizations hosted booths at the fair. The students hosted a Youth Advisory Council Booth to recruit new members for the upcoming council year. The students also helped set up the event, direct traffic, watched kids in the jumper and helped clean up the event.

- **Bridal Show – May 12, 2018**

The Edward Dean Museum hosted one of their many Bridal Shows they have at the museum to promote the beautiful facility. The council was able to volunteer at this event to help keep the event clean and organized. The students also directed traffic and helped keep visitors entertained and engaged.



- **Fifth District YAC Senior Draping Ceremony – May 10, 2017**

The Fifth District hosted the 2018 Senior Draping Ceremony for its graduating class. This event was held at Moreno Valley College this year and the seniors received certificates, honor chords and recognition upon their exit of the council. Our office felt honored to have such a dedicated group of seniors committed to developing our community.

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

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

1. Raise awareness about drug and alcohol abuse to young adults.
2. Reach out to the elderly Community and actively plan events in out committees.
3. Fundraise for cities and organizations in a time of need.
4. Reach out to elementary school students and create educational and leadership and mentorship events and opportunities.
5. Connect with and create a fun and safe environment for students with disabilities.

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**Total Number of Community Service Projects and Hours:**

Council members delivered 26 Community Service Projects and dedicated 1,369 hours of community service to the Fifth District of Riverside County. Overall, YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

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