

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



**ITEM
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(ID # 10182)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

FROM : Riverside County Youth Commission:

SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION: Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report


RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report for the 2018-2019 term, as required by Resolutions 98-032 the Youth Commission by-Laws (Article XIII).

ACTION:

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 18, 2019
xc: YAC

Kecia Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: N/A

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 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 report is 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 to 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 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 high school students throughout the County. Cumulatively, they have volunteered 6,930 hours of community service during the past year. If those students were paid California's minimum wage of \$12.00/hour, they donated the equivalent of \$83,160 in free services to their communities. The website "Independentsector.org" places a value of \$28.48 per hour of volunteer work, and using this figure the Youth Commission donated nearly \$197,366.40 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.

Additional Fiscal Information

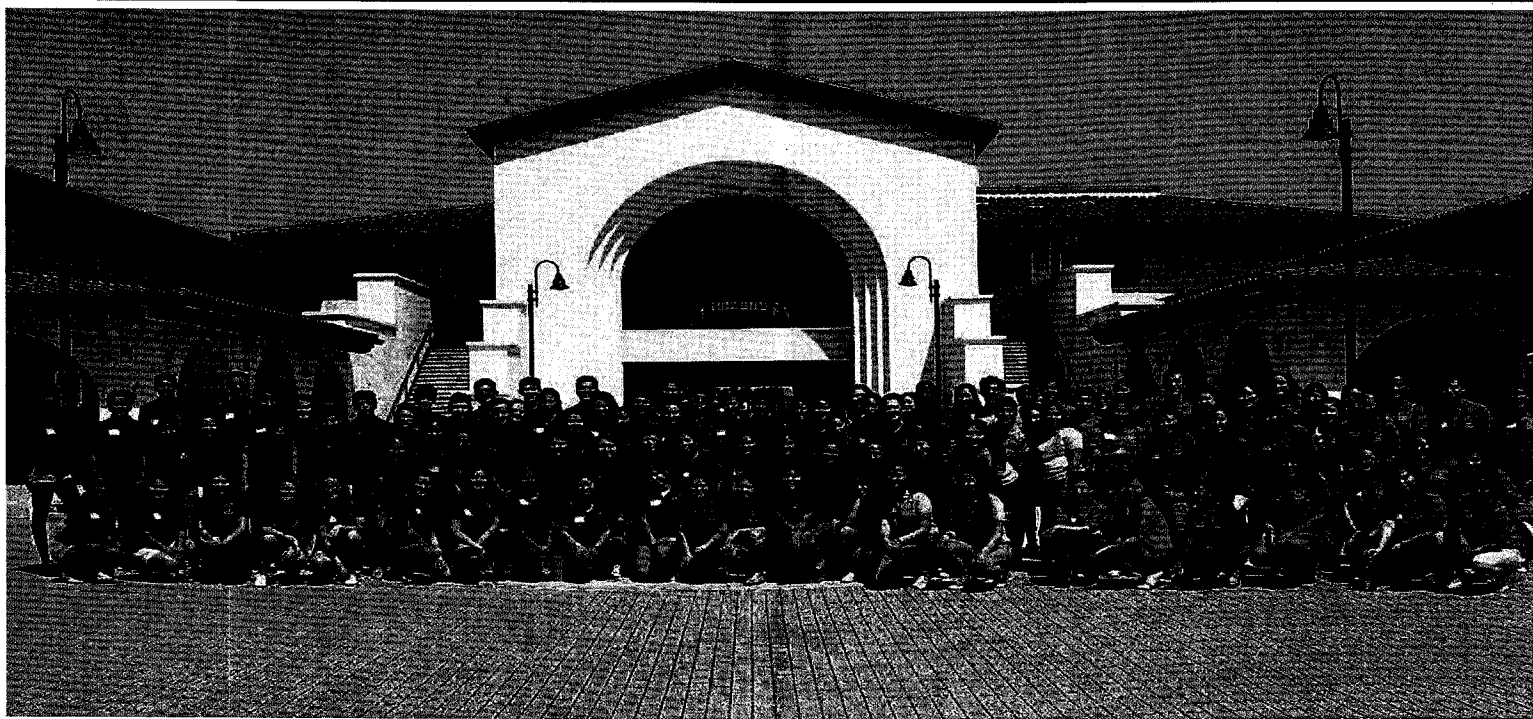
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N/A

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENT: Annual Report 2018-2019



ANNUAL REPORT

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders

Riverside County First District Youth Advisory Council
Annual Report 2018-2019

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 2018-2019 participated in throughout the year. Our council was able to work with specific organizations in our district to accomplish our council goals. While completing our goals, we enjoyed helping our community and representing the First District of Riverside County. 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 2nd, 2018**

The 2018-2019 Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat in Mead Valley. The Youth Retreat was created to prepare the new and returning council members for the year to come. The day consisted of three different speakers including: Kecia Harper-Ihem from Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Nairobi Burks representing the Riverside County Youth Commission, and Leonardo Wittrock from Riverside County Human Resources. Ms. Harper-Ihem reviewed the basics and importance of the Brown Act and parliamentary procedures. Ms. Burks presented a summary of how the Youth Commission was created and explained the youth's role in the County. Lastly, Mr. Wittrock used his expertise to give a workshop on leadership and productivity. This year, all of the students were involved in a community service activity where they collected school supplies and packaged them for other youth that are in need. Throughout the day, the students participated in a variety of team building activities which gave them a chance to interact with their fellow council members and the council members from other districts.

- **UCR Health For Miles 5k – October 13th, 2018**

UCR's School of Medicine held a 5k race to raise funds for clinical and educational initiatives such as providing books for pediatric care visits and reducing the number of patients with uncontrolled chronic conditions in the community of Riverside. It was at the California Citrus State Historic Park in Riverside. Our students assisted by checking in participants, passing out refreshments and snacks to the runners, facilitating children's games, helped set-up, and clean-up the event.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 18th, 2018**

This year's annual Youth in Government day was an enormous success. It was held at the Riverside County Administration Center. Riverside County's Human Resources department allowed participants to use their career aptitude survey to match mentees with an accurate and interesting mentor. 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 opportunity to work with county employees to see what careers they are interested in first-hand.

- **Deleo Fall Festival – October 20th, 2018**

The Deleo Fall Festival was the first of many Halloween events our students participated in and was hosted by the First District in Temescal Valley. Council members helped run games and help the children with crafts. They passed out pumpkins, candy, and other yummy fall treats. They had a great time getting to connect with more members of our community.

- **Mead Valley Trunk-or-Treat – October 24th, 2018**

Our next Halloween event was the Mead Valley Trunk or Treat hosted by the First District. It took place at the Mead Valley Community Center for families in the community. Council members helped pass out candy, work carnival games and were able to be characters in the haunted house. The students loved getting to dress up and work the haunted house as well as meet members from The Grove Community Church who also volunteered at the event. In addition, we put on a fundraiser at the event to raise money for Foster Youth. The students sold chips and waters and ended up making over \$140. Overall, it was a very successful community event and fundraiser.

- **Good Hope Trunk-or-Treat – October 27th, 2018**

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. This event also had a haunted house that our council members were able to participate in as characters.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Wards 4, 7, and the Great American Cleanup Beautifications – November 3rd, 2018, March 23rd, 2019, May 11th, 2019**

Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB) is a program sponsored by the city of Riverside and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce. The council participated in multiple KRCB events throughout the year alongside other community members. It was a great opportunity to take part in beautifying our community and working with others. We were assigned impairments in various parks and locations where we collected litter, cleaned graffiti and overall made these locations a good environment for those in the community. It was a great opportunity for our students to learn about how pollution and littering affects our communities. The locations we helped beautify are Villegas Park, Rutland Park, and Carlson Dog Park.

- **Operation SafeHouse Stuff the Bus Sort – November 17th, 2018**

Operation SafeHouse is an emergency shelter for teens throughout Riverside. They provide a temporary home and meals to struggling youth. They had their annual Stuff the Bus where donations were collected for their shelter. Our council members helped sort all of the donations and put the food away in their facility. We were also given a tour and were able to learn more about the shelter and how they help the youth in our community. This event was a great learning experience for our members.

- **Youth Commission Clothing Drive – November 26th, 2018**

The Youth Commission held its 2nd Annual Clothing Drive. The Youth Commission came together to collect donations at the County Administration Center from the general public and county employees. Each district was responsible in hosting the drive one day of the week. The donations collected on each respective day would then be donated to a location in each district. Students also volunteered by donating gently used items that they collected. The clothes we collected on our council's day was donated to a Goodwill in our district.

- **Woodcrest Cookies with Santa – December 3rd, 2018**

Council members joined office staff members to help with this Christmas event. The event allows children to visit with Santa and enjoy some holiday treats. Council members enjoyed getting to interact with families by hosting small activities such as carnival games with the children while they waited to meet Santa.

- **Lakeland Village Cookies with Santa- December 7th, 2018**

Similarly to the Woodcrest Cookies with Santa event, council members also assisted in putting on carnival games for children while the children waited to meet Santa. The council members helped set-up the event as well as clean up when it was over.

- **Mead Valley Breakfast with Santa – December 8th, 2018**

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 assisted 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.

- **Good Hope Breakfast with Santa – December 15th, 2018**

The Good Hope community looks forward to the Breakfast with Santa each year and our council members were happy to help this event continue. The council members enjoyed helping make breakfast, taking pictures of families with Santa, distributing toys to children and helping with activities such as crafts and coloring. Our council also enjoyed getting to meet more community members and spread some holiday cheer.

- **Deleo Winter Wonderland – December 15th, 2018**

The event took place at the Deleo Sports Park in Temescal Valley. The event had carnival games, a cookie decorating station, a snow area, sledding, and pictures with Santa. Santa gave a small gift to each child that came to take a picture with him. The local community was happy to see this event taking place again this year at their regional park. The council volunteered by managing each booth and maintaining structure within each station.

- **Foster Youth See's Candies Fundraiser – December 2018**

The council decided to host an online See's Candies fundraiser in order to reach our fundraising goal of \$300 for the Foster Youth End of the Year Basket. Each member asked family and friends to buy See's Candies from our online shop. The fundraiser was a huge success and we were able to surpass our goal and raise \$391.

- **Mead Valley Trail Clean-up – January 26th, 2019**

Council members met in Mead Valley to clean-up a popular walking trail in the community. Many children walk this route on their way to school and it had become overgrown with weeds and had been collecting litter. The students worked on pulling weeds and picking up trash to make it a clean and nice walking trail for the Mead Valley community.

- **Johnny Martin Sotelo Youth Opportunity Center Food Drive - February 2019**

The Youth Opportunity Center in our district invited us to participate in their food drive and since helping youth in our district is one of our goals, we decided to put on our own drive for them. Council members set up collection days at their schools and talked to administration and teachers to help collect donations. Overall, the council collected over 20 bags of food for the YOC. Some members were able to go to the YOC to personally deliver the food and take a tour of the facility.

- **Deleo Spring Festival – April 6th, 2019**

Every year first district hosts a spring festival at Deleo Regional Sports Park to provide a free community event where there are games, crafts, an Easter bunny, and an egg hunt. The council assisted in putting this event on by working the game and craft booths, helping pass out toys to children from the Easter bunny and also helped clean up after the event was over. The council enjoys working events such as these because they can meet more of the community and participate in a fun event.

- **Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Campaigns – April 2019 and May 2019**

Our council had two social media Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention campaigns. The purpose of this was to be able to reach the largest amount of students in our district in order to spread awareness about the topic since it is such a pressing issue with our youth today. In our first campaign, the students would post either informational flyers or words of encouragement to create a good social media environment instead of a negative one that youth usually see. Since May is Mental Health Awareness month, for our second campaign we posted some information or words of encouragement with our hashtag “MindfulMonday” each Monday throughout the month of May to make it an ongoing campaign throughout the month.

- **Riverside County 21st Annual Youth Summit - April 12th, 2019**

The Youth Commission held the 21st Annual Youth Summit at La Sierra University on April 12, 2019. First District hosted the event and Supervisor Jeffries came to kick off the event by giving some words of wisdom and advice to the high school students in attendance. High schools throughout all five supervisorial districts were invited to the event, which covered the topics selected by the Youth Commission. The topics were Active Shooter Trainer, Mental Health: Resiliency, and Financial Literacy. The day started out with the Active Shooter Training given by Deputy Pete Lawson and Deputy Dave Waters. The students learned important lessons on how to deal with an active shooter situation, which many students felt was very important knowledge. Next, Dr. Lorry Leigh Belhuemer taught the students how to be resilient through life’s challenges and how to maintain proper mental health. Lastly, students learned about credit, taxes, and other important financial tools that are necessary for life after high school in a presentation given by Maria Arnold and Stephen Morales. Council members helped put this

event on by directing traffic to and from the event, help breakfast and lunch set-up and clean up as well as ensured all other venue needs were met.

- **School Supply Drive- April 2019**

The Youth Commission conducted a school supply drive where each district was in charge of collecting certain items. Our council was responsible for collecting pencils, erasers, and calculators. The council was split into three teams, one team for each item. Members went to schools, families, and local stores to ask for donations. The council collected more than enough of each item and learned valuable skills in fundraising and interacting with people as well as learning the importance of being responsible.

- **Raincross Assisted Living Mother's Day Social – May 11th, 2019**

Raincross Assisted Living facility put on a Mother's Day spa day to recognize and pamper the mothers living there. Council members were there to help the facility staff set-up and decorate the room. The members also helped out with the spa treatments such as doing their nails and giving facials. The residents enjoyed relaxing at the spa day as well as being able to socialize and connect with our council.

- **Temescal Valley Community Fair- May 18th, 2019**

This annual event takes place each year in May at Deleo Regional Sports Park. The Temescal Heritage Foundation sponsors the event and puts on a great family fun day for the community. It is the 19th Annual Faire put on by the foundation and they celebrated the foundation's bicentennial anniversary at the event. Our YAC members volunteered by assisting with games and activities as well as setting up the faire and assisting in cleaning up.

Summary of the Year

Goals for the 2018-2019 YAC Term:

1. At-Risk Youth Outreach
2. Senior Citizen Outreach
3. Homeless Outreach

Total Number of Community Service Projects and Hours:

Council members delivered 24 Community Service Projects and dedicated 1,005 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.

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 2018-2019

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 2018-2019 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 where they not only participated in events, 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 focus is to make a positive impact on those with financial burdens by hosting events and providing necessary supplies to make a difference.

Y. H. O. Youth and Hospital Outreach

Y. H. O. was created to help local schools and hospitals that need assistance. This committee worked mainly with an elementary school to host fun events that get children excited about school and their future education.

Suicide Prevention

The council members throughout the Youth Commission collaborated with Riverside University Health System's Public Health Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program. Their goal was to plan campaigns at high schools in order to spread awareness and promote positivity.

Listed below are the key project the 2018-2019 Second District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.

• **Youth Retreat – August 2nd, 2018**

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members for the year to come. The day consisted of three different speakers including: Kecia Harper-Ihem from Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Nairobi Burks representing the Riverside County Youth Commission, and Leonardo Wittrock from Riverside County Human Resources. Ms. Harper-Ihem reviewed the basics and importance of the Brown Act and parliamentary procedures. Ms. Burks presented a summary of how the Youth Commission was created and explained the youth's role in the County. Lastly, Mr. Wittrock used his expertise to give a workshop on leadership and productivity. This year, all of the students were involved in a community service activity where they collected school supplies and packaged them for other youth that are in need. Throughout the day, the students participated in a variety of team building activities which gave them a chance to interact with their fellow council members and the council members from other districts.

- **Riverside County Animal Shelter's "Clear the Shelter" Event- August 18, 2018**

This is a day where rescue animals were adopted for only \$4.52 countywide. Council members assisted with the event by advertising as well as providing help at the shelter, with vendors, and guests interested in adopting an animal. This event was a wonderful learning experience for the council in terms of crowd management and organization, and allowed the council to take an active part in engaging with and helping the community in a direct manner.

- **Riverside County Animal Shelter's Shot Clinic- August 25th, 2018; September 8th, 9th, & 15th; November 17th; December 15th; January 19th; February 16th; March 10th**

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 overseeing animal well-being. They also gave a hand in providing tours of the shelter to college students by directing them to the different stations, participating in small clean ups, learning about the different jobs, and assisting with rock painting.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Ward 1, 4, 5, and 7 Cleanup- September 29th, 2018, November 3rd, 2018, March 23rd, 2019, and April 6th, 2019**

Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB) is a community program sponsored by the City of Riverside and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce (GRCC). The council volunteered alongside other community members who were split into groups with diverging tasks pertaining to an impairment to the designated areas. These locations included Santa Ana River way, Rutland Park, Villegas Park, and Cal Baptist University. Along the routes, 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 community.

- **Downtown Riverside Partnership's "Fall Fashion Show"- October 4th, 2018**

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 participants.

- **Corona Life Services Walk for Life- October 6th, 2018**

This was the first time the council participated in the Walk for Life aimed to celebrate life. This was a day filled with laughter, food, and even some exercise. The council specifically walked the areas, helped vendors, cheered on participants of the walk, and assisted in painting children's faces.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 18th, 2018**

This year's annual Youth in Government day was an enormous success. It was held at the Riverside County Administration Center. Riverside County's Human Resources department allowed participants to use their career aptitude survey to match mentees with an accurate and interesting mentor. 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 opportunity to work with county employees to see what careers they are interested in first-hand.

- **Peralta Elementary School's "Harvest Festival"- October 19th, 2018**

Peralta provides a vibrant, caring community where learning happens for students at the transitional-kindergarten through sixth grade level. In the fall, they held an event for parents to bring their children to school in the evening for games and fun with an educational twist. The council assisted by reading books, hosting games, and guiding children.

- **"Pink on Parade"- October 20th, 2018**

The Pink on Parade took place at Mt Rubidoux. The mission of the event is to raise awareness about breast cancer, to save the lives of those we love, and raise money for The Pink Ribbon Place, Riverside's first breast cancer resource center. The council assisted in the walk by encouraging those walking in the parade. They made posters and provided water to survivors and participants.

- **Riverside's "Halloween Fest"- October 27th, 2018**

Riverside Halloween Fest is a new Halloween and horror festival that came to Downtown Riverside. It included live music, food, and other local vendors to provide entertainment to those in the area. YAC helped by monitoring children in designated areas, directing vendors upon arrival, and assisting as needed throughout the festival.

- **Salute to Veterans- November 10th, 2018**

The 13th Annual Salute to Veterans Parade and Expo took place in Downtown Riverside. This continuous event has been a celebration of the men and women who have served to protect the freedoms that we treasure and it honors veterans of all ages and eras in all branches of the military. In addition to the parade, an Expo located on Main Street featured organizations sharing opportunities of special interest to veterans and their families. The council was able to assist in both parts of the day by guiding veterans and their families during the parade, then helping vendors as needed for the expo.

- **Operation Safehouse Stuff the Bus - November 15th, 2018**

Each year, Operation Safehouse holds a donation drive to collect household 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, and then assisted in the sorting of the donated items.

- **Youth Commission Clothing Drive – November 26th, 2018**

The Youth Commission held its 2nd Annual Clothing Drive. The Youth Commission came together to collect donations at the County Administration Center from the general public and county employees. Each district was responsible in hosting the drive one day of the week. The donations collected on each respective day would then be donated to a location in each district. Students also volunteered by donating gently used items that they collected. The clothes we collected on our council's day was donated to a Goodwill in our district.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Festival of Lights Switch-On Ceremony - November 23rd, 2018**

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

- **Riverside Downtown Partnership Miracle on Main Street – December 9th, 2018**

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.

- **Winter Wonderland-December 22nd, 2018**

Second District hosted the Second Annual Winter Wonderland event at the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center. The council made pancakes and waffles for the seniors, played bingo, and sang karaoke with the attendees. The council served as a beam of light and joy for the seniors that attended this warming holiday event.

- **Recycling Day- January 26th, 2019**

Second District spent the year gathering plastic bottles and aluminum cans. On this day, the council gathered and exchanged the recyclables for monetary value which contributed to other events and projects.

- **Senior Sweetheart Social-February 9th, 2019**

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 successful event brought the senior community and the Youth Council together.

- **First Congressional Church Project Food Soup Kitchen- March 20th, 2019**

The First Congressional Church of Riverside holds a continuing event called the Project Food Soup Kitchen. At this event, members assisted in serving a hot meal to the homeless community in Downtown Riverside. Along with serving dinner, the members put out donated items such as clothes, shoes, school supplies and blankets for the homeless to pick up. Members always love assisting with this event and find it to be very humbling and fulfilling.

- **Country Village Senior Prom- March 23rd, 2019**

Country Village hosts a number of monthly events and activities that are available to their residents. The Senior Prom was a night where community members were able to dress up and enjoy a night of dancing and fun, similar to a prom. YAC members served dinner and waited tables to ensure everyone in attendance had a great evening.

- **Riverside County 21st Annual Youth Summit - April 12th, 2019**

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- **Walk to End Homelessness- April 13th, 2019**

Located at Fairmount Park, the Walk to End Homelessness had the goal to raise \$35,000 to provide individuals and families the items necessary to transition out of homelessness into permanent housing and obtain employment. The students provided assistance in the setting up for the day and encouraged those who participated in the walk.

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

Goals for the 2019-2020 YAC term:

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

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council members delivered 32 projects and dedicated 2,292 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.

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
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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 2018-2019 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 2nd, 2018**

The 2018-2019 Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat in Mead Valley. The Youth Retreat was created to prepare the new and returning council members for the year to come. The day consisted of three different speakers including: Kecia Harper-Ihem from Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Nairobi Burks representing the Riverside County Youth Commission, and Leonardo Wittrock from Riverside County Human Resources. Ms. Harper-Ihem reviewed the basics and importance of the Brown Act and parliamentary procedures. Ms. Burks presented a summary of how the Youth Commission was created and explained the youth's role in the County. Lastly, Mr. Wittrock used his expertise to give a workshop on leadership and productivity. This year, all of the students were involved in a community service activity where they collected school supplies and packaged them for other youth that are in need. Throughout the day, the students participated in a variety of team building activities which gave them a chance to interact with their fellow council members and the council members from other districts.

- **Lake Skinner Clean Up – August 25th, 2018**

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 the trail to clean for the community to enjoy. During this cleanup, the council members were provided tools such as reachers, shovels, rakes, and shears from the County Parks Department to amend the trail's pathway 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.

- **ARTERY Quilt Project – September 21st, 2018**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council members worked closely with The MSJC Art Gallery, California Family Life Center and Worth Visual Arts to present A.R.T.E.R.Y's Art Gallery exhibit. The council contributed art pieces that involved recycled materials, sewing, printmaking, and sculpting. The YAC members enjoyed this event because they were able to express themselves through various art forms and encourage their peers to do the same.

- **Temecula Promenade College Fair – September 22nd, 2018**

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.

- **EXTREME Tour – October 5th, 2018**

My City Youth Center offers each participant the opportunity to be empowered by the possibilities of a fulfilling future, and guided toward their goals by supportive, encouraging and well-qualified mentors and teachers. The Third District Youth Advisory Council members attended My City Youth Center's first EXTREME Tour to assist with the raffles, registration, the skate competition, and the games. This event provided teens and young adults a safe and positive environment to enjoy music, food, games, raffles, and a skate competition.

- **Pony Up 4 GAIT – October 6th, 2018**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council attended Pony Up 4 Gait's annual fundraiser to run the auction booth and the sponsorship table. As a token of gratitude, the members were given an opportunity to represent Supervisor Washington and present YAC to the attendees. This event is special to the Third District because it is the only therapeutic program that involves hypnotherapy and horsemanship in the County. Connections are developed between students with special needs and the animals. Lives are changed through the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional bond formed throughout the programs they offer.

- **San Jacinto Animal Campus Dog Wash Day – October 13th, 2018**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council had the pleasure of participating in San Jacinto Animal Campus' Dog Wash Day. The duties included cleaning cages and enclosures, feeding, watering, restocking supplies, washing dishes, walking dogs, or socializing animals as directed. The students had a great time interacting with the animals while learning how to protect animals from harm.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 18th, 2018**

This year's annual Youth in Government day was an enormous success. It was held at the Riverside County Administration Center. Riverside County's Human Resources department allowed participants to use their career aptitude survey to match mentees with an accurate and interesting mentor. 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 opportunity to work with county employees to see what careers they are interested in first-hand.

- **San Jacinto Candy Corner– October 25th, 2018**

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 26th, 2018**

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 27th, 2018**

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 \$128.00 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 throughout Riverside County.

- **Adopt-A-Family Holiday Giving – November 17th, 2018**

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 17, 2018. 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 in need.

- **Youth Commission Clothing Drive – November 26th, 2018**

The Youth Commission held its 2nd Annual Clothing Drive. The Youth Commission came together to collect donations at the County Administration Center from the general public and county employees. Each district was responsible in hosting the drive one day of the week. The donations collected on each respective day would then be donated to a location in each district. Students also volunteered by donating gently used items that they collected. The clothes we collected on our council's day was donated to a Goodwill in our district.

- **KinCare Christmas Party – December 1st, 2018**

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. They had a great experience 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.

- **Riverside County Clothing Drive/Sorting Party – December 4th, 2018**

The Youth Commission was tasked with coordinating a clothing drive from November 26th-29th. The goal of the event is to collect clothing donations for Riverside County homeless shelters. First, second, third, and fifth districts hosted collection day at the County Administration Center. Fourth district held a clothing drive within their district. Once the clothes were collected, Third District's Youth Advisory Council donated 17 bags of men's, women's, and kid's clothing to Valley Restart and Hemet/San Jacinto's Salvation Army.

- **VSSN Toiletry Event – February 2nd, 2019**

Veterans Services hosted an event that was designed to spread love to the veterans that reside within our district with care packages full of toiletry items. 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.

- **Petco Kitties: Petco Murrieta – February 9th, 2019**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council volunteered at Petco Murrieta's "Petco Kitties", a project to spread love to cats who have experienced abuse and neglect in a foster's home or in a shelter. The YAC members were tasked with interacting with the cats using the cat toys and books. YAC members also cleaned kennels, feeding containers, water spouts, and fur balls. This event helped increase teamwork and bonding among the council members and the animals they love.

- **VSSN Barking Angels – February 15th, 2019**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council was invited to volunteer with Barking Angels, a rescue program from VSSN and partnering rescue groups! The program allows VSSN to donate pups to our service connected families with diagnosed seen or unseen injuries. The YAC members assisted by spreading awareness about the program through hands on interactions, sharing with their friends and playing with pups at the Town Puppies Facility in Old Town Temecula. The YAC members were primarily in charge of puppy socialization which requires, reading, walking, and playing with puppies. This event was a great way to combine fun times and community service.

- **Help Heal Vets: Therapeutic Crafts – February 23rd, 2019**

The Help Heal Vets organization manufactures and distributes arts and crafts kits to facilities across the country that work with veterans and active duty military. These kits are used in therapeutic settings for a variety of different physical and psychological injuries. The Youth Advisory Council assembled a total of 624 therapeutic kits and made a lasting impact they will never forget.

- **Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Campaign – March 2019**

For the 2018-19 YAC year, the Youth Commission participated in the Riverside University Health System's Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program. Each district was asked to create a committee and receive training from the program in order to host 1-2 campaigns of their

choosing to educate the community about teen suicide and its risk factors. Throughout the month of March, Third District ran the “#THOUGHTFULTHURSDAY” campaign to spread a positive message about teen health and wellness. Each Thursday, we posted a motivational reminder, a hand-made poster with a positive message, and a resource from RUHS’s Teen Help Card. This was one of our best projects and we look forward to participating next year.

- **Habitat for Humanity Marathon – March 2nd, 2019**

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, snacks, and first aid materials. This event helped increase teamwork and bonding among the council members.

- **Day of the Young Child – April 6th, 2019**

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 relating health and family services and the cookie eating structure with prizes and stickers for the kids. This event was a great opportunity to promote the Youth Advisory Council and share county resources in the Hemet/San Jacinto community.

- **Riverside County 20th Annual Youth Summit - April 12th, 2019**

The 21st Annual Youth Summit took place on April 12th, 2019, at the La Sierra School of Business in Riverside. The Youth Summit is a youth conference that is held annually that is completely sponsored and put on by the Youth Commission and the YAC students. High schools from throughout the county are invited to attend the event and several speakers were invited to important youth related issues. The phenomenal list of speakers included the Sheriff’s Department for the Active Shooter Seminar, Lorry Leigh Behumeur on Mental Health Resilience, and representatives from the Transitional Age Youth Centers for Financial Literacy. Throughout the day, students were able to visit with several exhibitors and enjoyed fun, interactive breakout sessions. Supervisor Jeffries also opened up the day with an encouraging message to the 200+ student attendees.

- **Supervisor Washington’s Public Safety Celebration – April 27th, 2019**

Supervisor Washington Public Safety Celebration invited families to join him for a celebration of Third District’s public safety leaders, including the newly elected Sheriff Chad Bianco and Hemet Police Chief Rob Webb. Community members were invited to connect with public safety agency representatives and enjoy free food, drinks, and games. YAC members assisted with event set-up and take down, raffles, and game. The event is a great way to enjoy some free family fun and learn about how law enforcement agencies are working together to make the community safe.

- **Youth Commission School Supply Drive – May 21st, 2019**

The Youth Commission’s School Supply Drive, in which school supply items will be donated to CFLC’S KinCare program because of their dedication to serving children throughout the county. Each YAC has been assigned 3 school supply items to concentrate on obtaining donations for.

Third District was tasked with collecting as many packs of colored pencils, notebook paper, and washable markers as possible. The council collected a total of 27 items to be donated to KinCare.

• **YAC Recruitment and Information Session – May 2019**

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.

• **End of Year Party – May 27th, 2019**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council members hosted their end of the year party at Mulligans Family Fun Center to close the 2018-2019 YAC term. Council members received several accolades for their leadership and service throughout the year.

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

Goals for the 2018-2019 YAC term:

1. Community Outreach: Veterans Services, Homelessness, Animal Services
2. Environmental Awareness: Trail Preservation
3. Teen Wellness: Mental Illness Awareness, Suicide and Bullying Prevention

Council members completed 28 projects and dedicated a total of 703 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.

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

Riverside County Fourth District Youth Advisory Council
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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 2018-2019 Fourth District Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley YACs accomplished throughout the year:

- **Youth Retreat - August 2nd, 2018**

The 2018-2019 Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat in Mead Valley. The Youth Retreat was created to prepare the new and returning council members for the year to come. The day consisted of three different speakers including: Kecia Harper-Ihem from Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Nairobi Burks representing the Riverside County Youth Commission, and Leonardo Wittrock from Riverside County Human Resources. Ms. Harper-Ihem reviewed the basics and importance of the Brown Act and parliamentary procedures. Ms. Burks presented a summary of how the Youth Commission was created and explained the youth's role in the County. Lastly, Mr. Wittrock used his expertise to give a workshop on leadership and productivity. This year, all of the students were involved in a community service activity where they collected school supplies and packaged them for other youth that are in need. Throughout the day, the students participated in a variety of team building activities which gave them a chance to interact with their fellow council members and the council members from other districts.

- **Animal Shelter Orientation and Training – September 15th, 2018**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory council visited the Coachella Valley Animal Campus where they watched a presentation and learned how to properly care for the animals in the shelter. With this training they are now certified to volunteer at the center whenever they desire. The students had a great time working with the animals and look forward to more visits in the future.

- **Atria Living Center Game Night – September 22nd, 2018**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council put on a senior game night at the Palm Desert Atria Living Center. At this event they played board games and had good conversations with the elderly. The elderly enjoyed the company from the youth and shared valuable life lessons.

- **Lincoln Elementary Saturday School Volunteering – October 10th, 2018**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council volunteered at Lincoln Elementary Saturday school. The council helped the students in the elementary school in areas they were having trouble with such as math, English, and science. During recess the council joined in activities such as basketball.

- **Coachella Valley Rescue Mission Cookie decorating for Halloween– October 27th, 2018**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council brought various Halloween themed cookies and cookie decorating items to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. They interacted with the children at the rescue mission as well as helped them decorate the cookies.

- **Indio Community Center Halloween Carnival – October 27th, 2018**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council volunteered at the Indio Community Center Halloween Carnival. They helped with various activities including running game booths, supervising inflatable obstacle courses, and selling carnival wristbands. The students enjoyed working with the children and are looking to do more activities in the future.

- **Palm Springs Pride Parade – November 4th, 2018**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council helped represent the fourth district by walking with Supervisor V. Manuel Perez in the Palm Springs Pride Parade. The students enjoyed the parade and wants to continue to walking in the pride parade for years to come.

- **Clean up at Galilee Center – November 11th, 2018**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council volunteered at the Galilee Center where they cleaned the outside, inside area, and furniture.

- **Lincoln Elementary School Winter Carnival – November 30th, 2018**

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 4th District to job shadow County employees from a variety of departments including Fire, Mental Health, District Attorney's Office, and the Sheriff's Department. We would like to thank all participants for their time and support in this great event.

- **Lincoln Elementary Saturday School – December 1st, 2018**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council volunteered at Lincoln Elementary Saturday school. The council helped the students in the elementary school in areas they were having trouble with such as math, English, and science. During recess the council joined in activities.

- **Palm Springs Festival of Lights Parade – December 1st, 2018**

Youth Advisory Council helped represent fourth district by walking alongside Supervisor V. Manuel Perez at the festival of lights parade in down town Palm Springs. This parade brought Christmas cheer to our community.

- **Fourth Districts Annual Clothing Drive – December 18th, 2018**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council coordinated a Christmas clothing drive to collect clothes for the less fortunate. They distributed them to organizations in need of donations. These include Safe House, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, and Desert Best friend's Closet. The council looks forward to putting on future Christmas clothing drives to cater to our district's needs.

- **Cathedral City Bike Giveaway - December 22nd, 2019**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council Partnered with Variety of the Desert to give out over 100 bikes to underprivileged youth. The students helped organize the bikes as well as

distributing them. The students had a chance to give back to their fellow peers and give back to their community.

- **Atria Living Center Game Day – January 19th, 2019**

Students went to the Atria Center where we played board games with the elderly of Palm Desert. The students engaged in much needed conversations about life and education. We look forward to doing more events with them in the future.

- **Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training – January 26th, 2019**

Students participated in a Teen suicide prevention training where they learned the warning signs of potential suicide victims. They also learned how to console and find these fellow students help if needed. We will put on a social media campaign the first week of May.

- **Riverside County Presidents Parade- February 18th, 2019**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council represented the youth in their district by walking with Fourth District's Board of Supervisors Office in the Riverside County's Presidents Parade. The council had a great time meeting many constituents in their district as well meeting many other youth programs in their district.

- **Riverside County High School Competition - February 22nd, 2019**

Students put on the Annual High School Competition at the Riverside County Fair. Students from 8 different schools participated in 5 games. These school competed for the Date Cup trophy, the winners of this year's competition is Indio High school. Students had a good time organizing and watching the competition.

- **Riverside County 21st Annual Youth Summit - April 12th, 2019**

The Youth Commission held the 21st Annual Youth Summit at La Sierra University on April 12, 2019. First District hosted the event and Supervisor Jeffries came to kick off the event by giving some words of wisdom and advice to the high school students in attendance. High schools throughout all five supervisorial districts were invited to the event, which covered the topics selected by the Youth Commission. The topics were Active Shooter Trainer, Mental Health: Resiliency, and Financial Literacy. The day started out with the Active Shooter Training given by Deputy Pete Lawson and Deputy Dave Waters. The students learned important lessons on how to deal with an active shooter situation, which many students felt was very important knowledge. Next, Dr. Lorry Leigh Belhuemer taught the students how to be resilient through life's challenges and how to maintain proper mental health. Lastly, students learned about credit, taxes, and other important financial tools that are necessary for life after high school in a presentation given by Maria Arnold and Stephen Morales. Council members helped put this event on by running a freeze dance activity, taking pictures, and working with the tech team.

- **Mecca Community Cleanup - April 16th, 2019**

Students participated in a local clean up event in Mecca. At this cleanup we collected large amounts of waste such as, tires, e- waste, metals, and other items. We also had students go out in the community and clean illegal dumps. This event was very successful and much needed by the Mecca community.

- **Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Campaign - May 6th – 10th, 2019**

In order to raise awareness for Teen Suicide Prevention our council decided to create a week long social media campaign. Our councils Instagram posted an inspirational quote every day to promote mental health and inspire students to live another day. We reached over 400 students screens and members within the council reposted to their followers as well.

- **Fourth District's Youth in Government Day – May 23rd, 2018**

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 opportunity to work with county employees to see what careers they are interested in first-hand. It was held at the Taj Mahal in Indio. Riverside County's Human Resources department allowed participants to use their career aptitude survey to match mentees with an accurate and interesting mentor

- **End of the Year Party - June 11th, 2019**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council had their end of the year party at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Mirage. At this end of the year party the council enjoyed a meal with Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez presented the students with certificates and wished the seniors a farewell as they transition into higher education.

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

Goals for the 2018-2019 YAC term:

1. Work with Senior Centers to provide interactive days between the residents and YAC.
2. Cleanup communities in need
3. Work with disadvantaged youth

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council members delivered 22 projects and dedicated 1,123.5 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.

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

Riverside County Fifth District Youth Advisory Council
Annual Report 2018-2019

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) 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 High School, Beaumont High School, Canyon Springs High School, Choice 2000 Perris Charter High School, Glen View High School, Heritage High School, March, Mountain High School, Moreno Valley High School, Nuvview Bridge Early College High School, Paloma Valley High School, Perris High School, Perris Lake High School, Valley View High School, and Vista Del Lago High School.

Listed below are key projects that the Youth Advisory Council of 2018-2019 participated in throughout the school year. The Fifth District enjoyed helping our community, making an impact and representing the Fifth District of Riverside County. The council would like to thank the community for their constant support through their endeavors and dedication to the youth in Riverside County.

- **MSJC Teens and Those Who Care Health Fair – July 26, 2018**

Mt. San Jacinto College Teens and Those Who Care Health Fair is sponsored by Reach out & Riverside University Health System to provide resources for youth and families. Resources were provided for: Staying healthy and safe, college information, career/vocational training, job opportunities and much more. Students assisted with running the resource booths, distributing materials and any other tasks that the staff needed throughout the day.

- **Artival at the Edward Dean Museum – July 28, 2018**

At this event students did crafts with kids and their families. They painted fish, crafted beaded bracelets, masks and bookmarks. This event was for the community to come have a cool fun summer day at the Edward Dean Museum.

- **Youth Commission's Annual Youth Retreat – August 2, 2018**

The 2018-2019 Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat in Mead Valley. The Youth Retreat was created to prepare the new and returning council members for the year to come. The day consisted of three different speakers including: Kecia Harper-Ihem from Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Nairobi Burks representing the Riverside County Youth Commission, and Leonardo Wittrock from Riverside County Human Resources. Ms. Harper-Ihem reviewed the basics and importance of the Brown Act and parliamentary procedures. Ms. Burks presented a summary of how the Youth Commission was created and explained the youth's role in the County. Lastly, Mr. Wittrock used his expertise to give a workshop on leadership and productivity. This year, all of the students were involved in a community service activity where they collected school supplies and packaged them for other youth that are in need. Throughout the day, the students participated in a variety of team building activities which gave them a chance to interact with their fellow council members and the council members from other districts.

- **Youth Fest, City of Moreno Valley – September 8, 2018**

At the Youth Fest the Fifth District Youth Advisory Council hosted a booth to give the community more information on the Youth Advisory Councils and to get the name of the Youth Commission out to the community. At the event there were over 50 exhibitor booths all geared towards Riverside County Youth. There was food, games and performances for the kids to engage in.

- **Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce El Grito – September 15, 2018**

The Fifth District YAC participated in the Second 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 facilities clean such as 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.

- **Edward Dean Museum Book Fair – September 22, 2018**

The Edward Dean Museum partnered with the Calimesa Library for a Book Fair and Family Fun Day. The library provided crafts and stories for the kids and the event included balloons, face painting, snow cones, improv theater, and much more! The YAC students helped with reading books, picking up trash, assisting with crafts and more.

- **Youth in Government Day Food Bag Assembly – October 10, 2018**

The Fifth District YAC assisted the Youth Commission with prep work for the 2018 Youth in Government Day by packing all the breakfast and snack Go-Bags that the Youth in Government Day Mentees and Mentors will be provided for the day of the event.

- **Perris Valley Filipino-American Association Faith Community Church Clean Up – October 13, 2018**

The Fifth District YAC students regularly partner with the Perris Valley Filipino-American Association for several events throughout the year. At this event the students assisted the organization with a church clean-up, doing yard work and cleaning the inside of the facilities in preparation for future events.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 18th, 2018**

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- **Volunteer Appreciation Awards, Fifth District - October 24, 2018**

The Fifth District Board of Supervisor's office held a Volunteer Appreciation Awards Ceremony and the Fifth District YAC students assisted with the set-up and break down of this event as well as check-in, welcoming and overall event preparation and coordination.

- **Perris Valley Filipino-American Heritage Event – October 27, 2018**

The Fifth District YAC students attended the Perris Valley Filipino-American Heritage event and assisted the agency with set-up, clean-up and distributing resources at the agency's resource booth in celebration of Filipino-American Heritage month.

- **Supervisor Ashley's Retirement Celebration Set-Up – November 14th and 15th, 2018**

The Fifth District YAC students assisted in the set-up for the celebration of the long time Fifth District Supervisor Marion Ashley. Students set-up tables and chairs, assisted with decorations and overall preparations for the event. The following day, the entire Fifth District Youth Advisory Council attended the retirement party and assisted with check-in, welcoming, monitoring and overall program assistance. The YAC students have been serving the Fifth District under Supervisor Marion Ashley since 2002 and it was a great honor for them to be there to support and celebrate with him and their community.

- **Riverside University Health System's Festival of Trees Gala – November 20, 2018**

The 2018 RUHS Festival of Trees Gala proceeds were to support the NICU, PICU and Child Abuse & Neglect Unit. The Fifth District YAC students assisted with the silent auction and item claim process by assisting with collecting the prizes and escorting the items to the recipient's vehicles. They also assisted with registration and tree voting process.

- **Riverside University Health System's Festival of Trees – November 23-25, 2018**

The Festival of Trees festivities kick off the Christmas spirit for those in the community. The students volunteered at the Story Time with Santa and many other activities throughout the weekend. Students helped set-up the room; distributed crafts and helped the kids with them and assisted with Christmas Carols and Santa's story time. Children were able to take photos with Santa and the students were able to help with this, as well as Christmas tree voting submissions and overall event management and clean-up during each day.

- **Youth Commission Clothing Drive – November 29, 2018**

The Youth Commission held its 2nd Annual Clothing Drive. The Youth Commission came together to collect donations at the County Administrative Center from community members and county employees. Each district was responsible for hosting the clothing drive during one day of the week. The donations collected on each respective day would then be donated to a location in each district. Students also volunteered by donating gently used items that they collected from themselves, their friends and family. The clothes we collected on our council's day were donated to a Women's and Children's Homeless long-term living shelter in Cherry Valley within the Fifth district.

- **Perris Valley Historical Museum Event – November 2018**

The Fifth District YAC students assisted the Perris Valley Historical Museum with the set-up and clean-up for one of their events this year. Students assisted with setting up tables and chairs and preparing the venue for the event.

- **City of Perris Christmas Parade with Supervisor Ashley – December 8, 2018**

The Fifth District YAC had the opportunity to walk-in the Perris Christmas parade alongside Supervisor Ashley and distributed candy to the kids along the parade and waved to the community members in celebration of the holiday season.

- **Beaumont Winter Wonderland – December 8, 2018**

This was the first time the Fifth District YAC students participated with the Sundance community in a series of events for the children in the community. At the Winter Wonderland event, the students were able to assist with games, crafts and help kids slide down a snow sledding hill. It was a great event and the YAC students were excited to participate with this community again.

- **Perris Valley Filipino-American Wellness Resource Fair – February 2, 2019**

The Perris Valley Filipino-American Association hosted a community wellness fair and the YAC students assisted with set-up, clean-up and monitoring during the event. They also managed a resource table and assisted with wellness resource distribution.

- **RUHS Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program Training – February 20, 2019**

This year the Youth Commission Partnered with the RUHS TSAPP Program and decided that each Youth Advisory Council will participate in their training and use their knowledge to host a campaign in the community that the YAC students get to plan themselves. During the training the students learned the warning signs of potential suicide victims. They also learned how to console and find these fellow students help if needed.

- **Story Time in Sundance – March 9, 2019**

Students participated in the Beaumont Community event helping kids with crafts, reading stories and managing the giveaway prizes. A Cat in the Hat character was there to help read stories to the kids and it was a fun event for the community.

- **Riverside County 21st Annual Youth Summit - April 12, 2019**

The Youth Commission held the 21st Annual Youth Summit at La Sierra University on April 12, 2019. First District hosted the event and Supervisor Jeffries came to kick-off the event by giving some words of wisdom and advice to the high school students in attendance. High schools throughout all five supervisorial districts were invited to the event, which covered the topics selected by the Youth Commission. The topics were Active Shooter Trainer, Mental Health: Resiliency, and Financial Literacy. The day started out with the Active Shooter Training given by Deputy Pete Lawson and Deputy Dave Waters. The students learned important lessons on how to deal with an active shooter situation, which many students felt were very important knowledge. Next, Dr. Lorry Leigh Belhuemer taught the students how to be resilient through life's challenges and how to maintain proper mental health. Lastly, students learned about credit, taxes, and other important financial tools that are necessary for life after high school in a presentation given by Maria Arnold and Stephen Morales. Council members helped put this event on by running a freeze dance activity, taking pictures and working with the tech team.

- **Beaumont Easter Egg Hunt – April 13, 2019**

The students participated in the Beaumont Easter Egg Hunt where they were able to help hide hundreds of eggs for a community wide Easter Egg Hunt. The YAC students were able to help pass out snacks and also assisted the younger kids with collecting eggs.

- **RUHS Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Campaign – May 4, 2019**

The YAC students that participated in the TSAPP training back in February were able to brainstorm ideas on how they would like to bring this information and resources to the community. They discussed many public locations that may be a good place to host a resource table and ultimately decided that they would like to do a Self-Love Day and resource booth at the Moreno Valley Mall. The students all submitted self-love quotes to encourage positivity that were distributed to patrons around the mall. Along with the quotes we attached a hotline card and encouraged them to visit us at our resource table near the library of the mall.

- **MVUSD Family Fun Night – May 17, 2019**

The Moreno Valley Unified School District partnered with the Hope Collaborative to host a Family Fun Night at the Creekside Elementary school on a Friday evening. The event was full of fun family friendly activities for people of all ages including games, crafts and prizes. YAC students helped set-up and break down the event and assisted with running the games and craft booths.

- **Summertime in Sundance – May 18, 2019**

The final event with this Beaumont Community was held on a bright and sunny Saturday and celebrated the start of summertime. There were food trucks and lots of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. YAC students assisted with the giveaways' booth, ticket sales, karts, upkeep of the eating area, park and bathrooms.

- **5th District YAC's Drug Free Week – April 28th to May 1, 2019**

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council hosted their Annual Drug Free Week, where they hosted several activities amongst their schools to encourage their peers to stay drug free. The Sunday before Drug Free week started, the students got together for prep and bonding day at a park where they made tie-die shirts, Drug Free posters and handmade bracelets. Each day that week the entire council joined in on wearing their tie-die, bracelets, hanging posters, posting our hashtag on social media and bringing a friend to our YAC meeting for recruitment.

- **DPSS Foster Youth Graduation Basket – 2018-2019 School Year**

This school year each Youth Advisory Council had a committee to raise funds or seek donations for the Department of Social Services Foster youth Graduations Baskets. The Fifth District YAC students worked together to seek donations from a local Walmart. They were able to have Walmart donate a \$200 gift card for us to put towards the items. With the \$200 we were actually able to put together 2 baskets worth \$100 each! This was more than we had expected and were so pleased with the turn out for this project.

- **Youth Commission School Supply Drive – 2018-2019 School Year**

The Youth Commission decided to host a School Supply Drive throughout each Council. Each YAC was assigned three school supply items that they needed to collect or raise funds for and we let each district choose how they wanted to achieve this goal. The Fifth District YAC wanted to make sure each student participated in this project and decided to require everyone to bring in a minimum of 10 school supply items. The drive was very successful this year and all items will be going to a non-profit agency that serves all of Riverside County.

- **Nuview Bridge Arts Showcase – March 29, 2019**

Nuview Bridge Early College High School hosted an Arts Showcase where students were able to share their art creations such as paintings, drawings, pottery and photography. There were also performances like dancing, acting and singing. The students had a great time helping to set-up for the event, welcoming and supporting their peers.

- **Kapit Kamay Holding Hands for Wellness Walk – May 11, 2019**

The Perris Valley Filipino-American Mental Health Resource Center hosted a Wellness Walk-in Commemoration of Asian Pacific Islander Month and Mental Health Month. The wellness walk was to raise awareness on suicide prevention and overall mental wellness by joining hands to make the length of the Perris Dam as a symbol of reaching out and helping one another. YAC students assisted with registration, directing participants, parking and distributing water along the route.

- **YAC End of the Year Awards Ceremony Committee – May 28, 2019**

The Fifth District’s Youth Advisory Council had their end of the year party at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris. The students enjoyed a semi-formal dinner party with a Roaring 20’s theme. Seniors were able to bring their families to the celebration since we had a special draping ceremony for them where they were draped with their teal senior cords. The Fifth District Supervisor Jeff Hewitt and district staff attended the dinner celebration and presented the students with their certificates, provided words of wisdom and wished the seniors a farewell as they transition into higher education and future endeavors.

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

Goals for the 2018-2019 YAC term:

1. **Have Committees plan and execute events**
2. **Gain skills trainings and workshops**
3. **Make an impact on Youth, Foster Youth and Homeless within our communities**

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council members participated in 32 projects and dedicated 1,806.5 hours of community service to the Fifth District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

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