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December 4th MAC
Meeting 6pm at
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Last MAC of the year
and last chance to thank
Supervisor Jeffries
in person
before he retires!

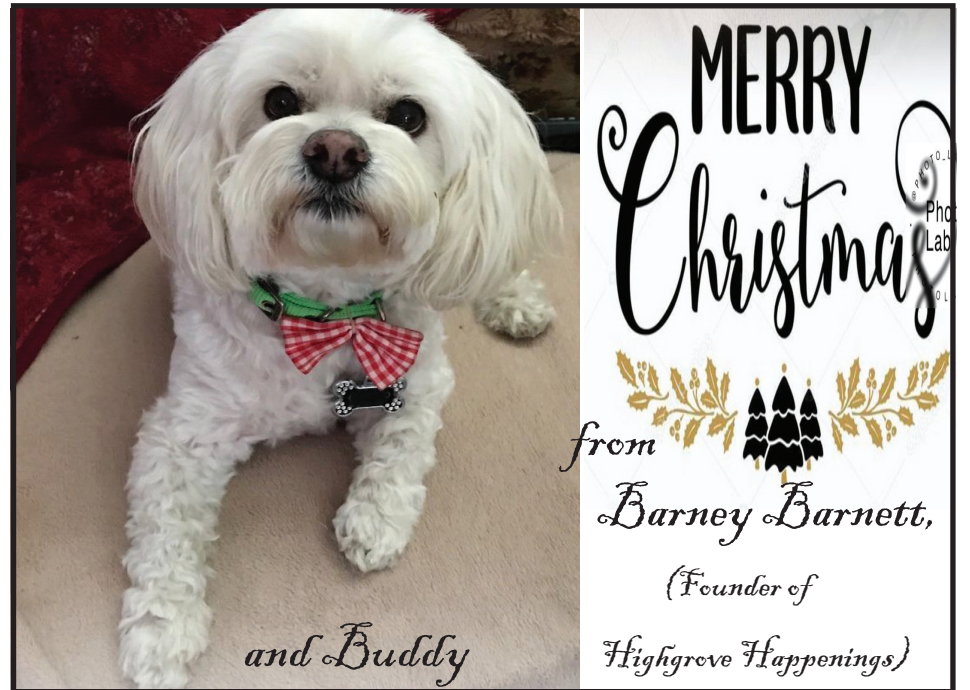


We hope you enjoy the FINAL E-edition of Kevin's Corner. For a PDF version of the complete newsletter see X.com/HighgroveNews.

Kevin's Corner – Final Edition

Changing Of The Guard – First let me congratulate and welcome my successor, former State Assemblyman and retired teacher Mr. Jose Medina of Riverside. Supervisor-Elect Medina will start his service in January, and is already busy forming his First District team. With roughly 25,000 county employees and 2.5 million residents, Riverside County is the 10th largest county in the nation and the 4th largest in California. We have warned Jose that he will be drinking from a fire hose, so if you need to connect with him (and it's not urgent) – give him a little time to get settled in. District 1 e-mail (District1@rivco.org) and phone number (951-955-1010) will remain the same. What To Watch For – As this is my last Kevin's Corner, I'll try not to put you to sleep with my usual updates, but here are my top five "county related" issues to watch for in 2025 and beyond.

1. The County Budget is likely to face VERY intense (read: multi-billion dollar) challenges as new expenses grow each year. This includes MAJOR increases in labor costs, and skyrocketing healthcare and pension costs. There are also new demands for severely needed (and extremely expensive) large facility expansions at our Public



Safety training center, RUHS hospital and Behavioral Health facilities. And on the list of many smaller scale future budget needs, is at least five (5) new or replacement county fire stations that now cost roughly \$12 million each!

2. Needed Transportation infrastructure (new freeway capacity) appears to be under wholesale assault by State regulatory agencies (otherwise known as the CA State Transportation Agency, CA Transportation Commission, CA Air Resources Board, & CA Housing & Community Dev.) and elected state legislators. They are advancing a "Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure" which is basically hostile to anyone driving their own vehicles. This a real threat to our local cities and county and their future ability to obtain State approvals and the needed funding to expand anything beyond your driveway. Oddly, even with this potential shutdown of crucial infrastructure, state regulators are still pushing our county to add 166,000 additional residential units (or 300,000+ people). All of which will need additional road/infrastructure capacity to get to work, school, healthcare, shopping, vacations, etc). They can't have it both ways! However...

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Highgrove 2024 ELECTION RESULTS

All of Riverside County's 84 precincts reporting as of 3:00 am Wednesday morning, November 6th. But when we look at results today, the end of November, some things have changed. *(How did every race get determined the day of the election - with paper ballots - when I was growing up, but now we have to wait five weeks for results by computer?)*

Riverside County has 1,372,548 voters, of which, 957,331 turned out to vote on November 5th (69.7%). When RivCo released its vote count on the evening of Thursday, Nov 7th, we noted the results from them here and found them similar to Tuesday's early results.

It is now November 29th. Here are the latest results impacting Highgrove's residents.



President of the United States: (RivCo only)
Donald J. Trump 462,783 votes or 49.30%
Kamala Harries 451,014 votes or 48.04%
Nationally, Trump won the the popular vote with the House & Senate voting in a majority of red/ Republican candidates as well.

RUSD Trustee Area 2

Dale Kinnear 5,493 votes 11/29 8,009 51.3%

Karen Coleman: 4,982 votes " " 7,656 48.87%

RUSD Trustee Area 2, as of Nov 6, 2024:

Amanda Vickers 5,017 votes 11/29 8,020 54.4%

Chani Beeman: 4,128 votes " " 6,709 45.6%

RUSD Trustee Area 4

Jesse Tweed 5,662 votes; 11/29 8,461 49.57%

Marcelle Williams 4,355 v. " " 6,220 36.44%

B. "Lynna" Gernertt 902 v. " " 1,369 8.02%

Marla A. Matime: 620 votes 11/29 1,018 5.96%

Riverside County Board of Supervisors Dist. 1

Richard Roth: was ahead w/51% on Nov 7th Jose

Medina: 43,699 votes but 11/29th results show

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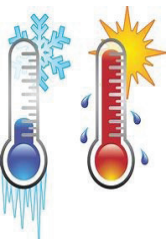
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Temperatures at 97 degrees and above officially activates Norton Younglove Community Center as a "Cool Center" from December 01, 2024 thru March 31, 2025 for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the heat. Visit capriverside.org or call 951-955-4900 for a list of Cool Center sites.



December 14, 2024, Saturday 1 PM-6 PM "The 951 Market" presents: 30 + Vendors, Games, - Kids Zone, Music, Opportunity of chance to win prizes, and so much more!
www.The951Market.com



For Highgrove Community Residents. Join us to welcome Santa and his Elves with Dessert. Children must be present to receive gift. **Sign up starts at 1 PM.** December 14, 2024 from 1 PM to 5PM



Social Holiday Continental Breakfast for Seniors: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM: Please RSVP, call in and confirm your attendance. December 17, 2024

December 21, 2024: Annual Christmas Health & Wellness Outreach 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Live Band, lunch, toys, win prizes & More. Hosted By Be a Part of Change Ministries .



USDA Food/TEFAP Distribution: December 27th Friday 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Share Ride and Bring a Neighbor! Drive Through Pick Up. Servicing Highgrove and Grand Terrace area. **December 21st Saturday 11:30 AM: Joy of Giving Food Distribution.**



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2024

December



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Sunday Worship 10 AM. Thursday Bible Study 7:15 PM. For detailed Info call: Pastor John Braxton 951-400-3298

Emergency Food Box available Mon - Thurs for Riv. & SBdno County Residents. **To report a scam or for help if you or a loved one has fallen victim, contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline: Call 877-410-8829

Let's Celebrate!

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Our Senior Nutrition program is currently offering hot meals to registered participants age 60 and above Monday to Friday, 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM

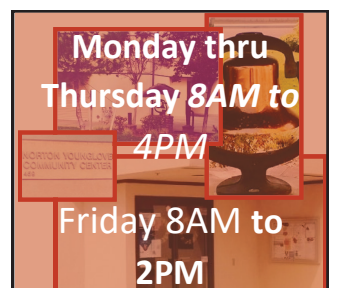
Enjoy our WIFI during your visit at the center



Child Development Center Has Openings!!

Free or low cost Early Care and Preschool Programs call 951-342-3151.

Call our FSA Administrative Office 951-686-1096 for details on other program services provided: Clinical Services, Housing Services, and Hope Collaborative.



HOURS OF OPERATION

State Propositions Election Results

Proposition 2 - Education Finance

YES	Votes	486,163	54.71%
NO	Votes	402,395	45.29%

Proposition 3 - Marriage Equality,

YES	Votes	487,208	53.84%
NO	Votes	417,694	46.16%

Proposition 4 - Safe Drinking Water

YES	Votes	491,086	54.34%
NO	Votes	412,670	45.66%

Proposition 5 - Local Government Financing

NO	Votes	535,963	59.80%
YES	Votes	360,311	40.20%

Proposition 6 - Eliminates Involuntary Servitude for Incarcerated Persons

NO	Votes	541,978	60.98%
YES	Votes	346,753	39.02%

Proposition 32 - Raises Minimum Wage

NO	Votes	497,557	54.85%
YES	Votes	409,630	45.15%

Proposition 33 - Expands Local Governments'

NO	Votes	544,567	60.58%
YES	Votes	354,426	39.42%

Proposition 34 - Restricts Spending

YES	Votes	500,616	56.89%
NO	Votes	379,297	43.11%

Prop 35 Permanent Funding For Medi-Cal

YES	Votes	590,626	66.23%
NO	Votes	301,176	33.77%

Proposition 36 - Allows Felony Charges

YES	Votes	656,848	73.11%
NO	Votes	241,599	26.89%

Measure CC RCC Affordable Higher Ed. Bonds

YES	Votes	196,966	58.09%
NO	Votes	142,131	41.91%

DOSES of VACCINES for U.S. CHILDREN from BIRTH-18 YEARS

1983	2016	
DTP (2 months)	Influenza (Pregnancy)	Influenza (5 years)
OPV (2 months)	Tdap (Pregnancy)	Influenza (6 years)
DTP (4 months)	Hep B (birth)	Influenza (7 years)
OPV (4 months)	Hep B (2 months)	Influenza (8 years)
DTP (6 months)	Rotavirus (2 months)	Influenza (9 years)
MMR (15 months)	DTaP (2 months)	HPV (9 years)
DTP (18 months)	HIB (2 months)	Influenza (10 years)
OPV (18 months)	PCV (2 months)	HPV (10 years)
DTP (4 years)	IPV (2 months)	Influenza (11 years)
OPV (4 years)	Rotavirus (4 months)	HPV (11 years)
Td (15 years)	DTaP (4 months)	Tdap (12 years)
	HIB (4 months)	Influenza (12 years)
	PCV (4 months)	Meningococcal (12 yrs)
	IPV (4 months)	Influenza (13 years)
	Hep B (6 months)	Influenza (14 years)
	Rotavirus (6 months)	Influenza (15 years)
	DTaP (6 months)	Influenza (16 years)
	HIB (6 months)	Meningococcal (16 yrs)
	PCV (6 months)	Influenza (17 years)
	IPV (6 months)	Influenza (18 years)
	Influenza (6 months)	
	Influenza (7 months)	
	HIB (12 months)	
	PCV (12 months)	
	MMR (12 months)	
	Varicella (12 months)	
	Hep A (12 months)	
	DTaP (18 months)	
	Influenza (18 months)	
	Hep A (18 months)	
	Influenza (30 months)	
	Influenza (42 months)	
	DTaP (4 years)	
	IPV (4 years)	
	MMR (4 years)	
	Varicella (4 years)	

*1986:
Pharmaceutical manufacturers producing vaccines were freed from ALL liability resulting from vaccine injury or death by the Childhood Vaccine Injury Act.

(SOURCE: www.cdc.gov)

DTP- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whole cell)
OPV- Oral Polio
MMR- Measles, Mumps, Rubella
Hep B- Hepatitis B
DTaP- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (acellular)
HIB- Haemophilus influenzae Type B
PCV- Pneumococcal
IPV- Inactivated Polio
Varicella- Chicken Pox
T3- Tetanus, Diphtheria
Tdap- Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis
HPV- Human papillomavirus (Gardasil)

2016
74 Doses
53 Injected Vaccines
3 Oral Vaccines

1983
24 Doses
7 Injected Vaccines
4 Oral Vaccines

It is no secret that the pharmaceutical system rewards doctors that encourage shots. Some believe this is necessary to promote public health; some say it might give doctors financial motivation to give shots.

Some believe that because there is always a risk, we should at least have a choice.

When we were children the vaccine schedule had 7 or 12 required - now there are 200!

Is this something worth looking into?

The full chart of "recommended" vaccines for children and adolescents is fifteen pages long and the covid-19 shot was just added. *The biggest problem with the following list of "precautions" is that you won't know if there will be issues until your child gets the shot.*

Precautions" from the CDC.gov chart include:

- Diagnosed non-severe allergy (e.g., urticaria beyond the injection site) to a component of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine3; or non-severe, immediate (onset less than 4 hours) allergic reaction after administration of a previous dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine
- Myocarditis or pericarditis within 3 weeks after a dose of any COVID-19 vaccine
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Expenditure Balances
Fund 24325 -- Co Service Area #126

Table with 3 columns: Item, FY24/25 Approp Budget, FY24/25 Actuals as of September 30, 2024. Rows include Staffing Costs, Administrative, Enhanced Sheriff Service, Maint Bldgs / Grounds, Maint Equipment, Utilities, Fleet Svc / Vehicles, and Equipment.

- Notes:
1 Maintenance Staff Assigned to CSA 126
2 Board Policy A-48 Admin Fee, County Council, Risk Management
3 Sheriff's Department
4 Excel Landscaping contract, Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District agreement, and direct maintenance costs
5 Services not fully transferred to RivCoED as of 12/31/23
6 FY24/25 Budgeted 1 Truck (4 3/4 Ton), Vehicle Fuel and Maintenance
7 Safety Harness, Mud Mixer, Transfer Pump and Battery, Portable Power Packs, Back Flow Preventers

Any questions? Please bring them to the January MAC meeting. Follow to keep up on date and time:
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"Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud." -Jimmy Carter, 2005

May Your Season Be Blessed!
I was pondering, what could be the most important message for your family and health this season?
Enjoy each other's company!
Look each one in the eye, treasuring how God made them unique. Even though they think differently from you, the blessing is from appreciating those differences!
Put your phone down when family is near - especially at family meal times. And make family meal times and games a priority!
Pray for wisdom as tomorrow is not promised.
Treasure today and bring your family to church for the good news you need! I didn't want to know the LORD before I was invited to be saved - now I am SO grateful! My life would be horrid without His grace. Do you know what Jesus did for you? Yes, Jesus paid the price for your sins - IF you'll accept a new heart - you can know where you'll spend eternity!

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Do Our Three Letter Agencies Need Revamping?
National Public Radio (NPR) said they were concerned about revising some of the government agencies. They certainly don't need change if they are doing the job we want them to do...But are they doing the job we want them to do?

How do we know if we don't look into it?
Here are three egregious examples to consider:
The "Inflation Reduction Act" gave \$40 Billion dollars to the Climate Justice Alliance.
Should we look into why we gave them \$40B?
Their website says they are against fossil fuels and want us to stop drilling and transition to 100% environmentally friendly solutions (and throttle Bitcoin) - regardless of the cost. Even if their ideas were sound, would spending \$40 BILLION dollars in the name of reducing inflation make sense?

Drilling has its issues, but are they minimal compared to buying oil from other countries? What if the country houses known terrorists? Would it make sense to have the US produce its own energy while we figure out working alternatives? Is it possible that we would save \$2-3 dollars a gallon on gas like when we were producing our own? (see 2019 prices)
Analysts say that CJA is also part of the organizations that supported, "Defund the Police" and want to defund the military.
Does spending \$40 billion lead us to "reducing inflation"? It makes sense to investigate where our tax money is going.

Health and Human Services (HHS) and the National Institutes for Health (NIH) and CDC pushed for mandatory covid shots. With anything with risks, should we have options? Should someone look into this?
Fluoride and the EPA
"It's public health malpractice, with the information we have now, to continue adding fluoride to water," Surgeon General Joseph A. Ladapo because exposure to fluoridated water can lead to neurodevelopmental issues in children, including lower IQ, according to research.

EPA is the government agency that is requiring fluoride's addition in many states and water districts. Should we not look into this agency when research shows fluoride may be causing harm to the brains of children and adults? [Riverside Highland Water Company (RHCW) serves most of Highgrove (except for more dense areas that Riverside City Water serves) and has a Board made up of many Highgrove residents for oversight. Highgrove homeowners who use their services receive a share and are considered owners or shareholders. At this point, RHCW's Board has not voted to require fluoride to added to our water system.

See Three Letter Agencies Cont. P. 9

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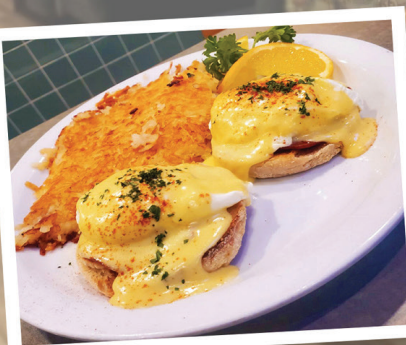
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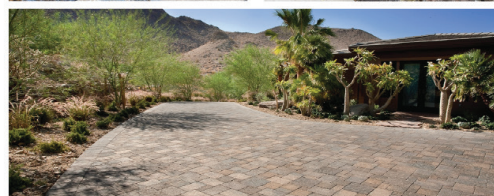


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## Three Letter Agencies (Cont. from P.5)

We are one of the rare areas of our nation, though.]

Thirty-seven states in the U.S. can decide whether they will add fluoride - *if* they are aware of the possible mandate. The CDC.gov website (mandated to report the fluoridation in their WFRS) says that the top areas with mandated fluoridation are D.C. (100% of the population receiving fluoridated water), Kentucky (99.7%), Minnesota (100%), and Illinois (98.2%).

Thirteen states, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, mandate statewide fluoridation, most require compliance and the taxpayers pay for it.

### "Additional Regulatory Information

*Fluoride - The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) has established an "optimal" fluoride level for water at 1 ppm. Riverside has naturally occurring fluoride levels at 0.47 ppm and is **not planning to add fluoride to its water by artificial means.**"*

*-Riverside Public Utilities Annual 2020 Report*

## What agencies control the chemicals our family might get exposure to?

A dear friend and Highgrove resident lost her husband to cancer from exposure to Glyphosate (Round-Up). They were the recipients of a judgment from the court for it. One of over 32,000 court cases against the manufacturer, as their product has been shown to cause cancer. Yet it is still allowed to be sold. The FDA once ruled after a court case that Monsanto (now Bayer) should be required to put that *it is a carcinogen on the label*. I checked labels of RoundUp at Home Depot for almost a year after that ruling to see if they had ever put it on the label. Over one pound of this carcinogen per every man, woman and child, is sold in the US every year. But, they went back to court and got the decision on labeling reversed. Did this become public knowledge? Maybe news agencies should be included in organizations to inspect? (The Highgrove Happenings encourages you to ask for our references!)

Let us look at one more example of a government funded arm that claims to not be state funded, yet their funding is literally appropriated by Congress - the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. On the surface it looks like they serve an important purpose of notifying people in rural areas of important events. (Interestingly, 9 hours ago, Wikipedia updated it's info to say that NPR is funded by other sources.) Their programming some say is "focused on the urbanite liberal", yet their documents state that their purpose is to provide commercial value for their advertisers.

It is interesting that the radio stations( NPR through funding by the CPB) are giving reasons why three letter agencies *should not* be looked into on their

radio programming. Some might wonder if the fox is guarding the hen house. Or even think it is like Germany in the early 1940s who used radios on the street corner to blare the government agenda.

*They receive Federal funding. Should they be the ones to tell us that we don't need to look into where Federal funds go?*

They told a story the other day on air that we would have bad health if we look into or get rid of HHS...

How about a Four Letter Agency I question:

**The new USDA guidelines** have 25 percent of their Board made up of representatives with some affiliation to Ozempic or other weight loss drugs. Do you think they will come up with unbiased food guidelines that will help Americans become healthier?

It was just announced that the **IRS** is on the list of agencies to be audited by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). They are not a government, but a private entity.

I only intended to give three examples, but the HHS, NIH, CDC, EPA, CPB, and the IRS are a good start!

(Interesting side note from our last edition, Governor Newsom vetoed a bill to provide oversight and look into where the tens of billions of dollars the California government gave from our tax money to resolve the homelessness issue went. But, it seems he doesn't want us to know how this money was spent.)

Questionable use of taxpayer money by three letter agencies needs to be looked into *for the health of our children and financial future of our nation.*

*As a Constitutional Republic, representatives we voted in and agencies said to represent our interests be held accountable to us as voting Americans.*

*What agencies do you have questions about?*

## Can California Afford its Governor?

"California has a \$2 billion deficit that's projected to explode in the next few years, and Newsom's solution is to spend another \$100 million on lawyers to fight President Trump," said the California state assembly's Republican leader, James Gallagher. "These 'resistance' stunts cost money, and *thanks to Newsom's incompetent budgeting, California doesn't have any.*"

A Newsom spokeswoman said the governor "in-  
**See Can California Afford (Cont. P.11)**

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Supervisor Jeffries Newsletter(Cont. from Front P.)

3. **Consideration of new Toll Lanes** is alive and well. With state funding for traditional freeways on life support, new discussions are occurring in city halls and at RCTC about expanding Toll Lanes on the 15, 60, 91 & 215. Some discussions involve eliminating (taxpayer funded) free HOV lanes and replacing them with revenue generating Toll Lanes. While I STRONGLY disagree with eliminating our free HOV lanes, the next BIG financial challenge that is barreling towards us is electric vehicles. As they do not consume gasoline, they therefore do not contribute any fuel related taxes and fees towards our freeway maintenance and repairs. So get ready for a state "mileage tax".

4. **The shortage of new Firefighter Paramedics** continues to cause staffing problems for Riverside County/CAL FIRE. CAL FIRE has proposed changing its qualifications so that licensed paramedics can get hired and then train to become firefighters (as nearly every other fire department does), but the proposal has been held up for an extended period by the State of California Human Resources agency. As a result, fire engines are being down-staffed in numerous communities, waiting for CALHR to make a decision. No rush – it's only lives we are talking about!

5. **The long term viability of the March Air Reserve Base** is becoming a bit murkier as private sector expansion on and adjacent to the air base is being pushed by those looking for new tax and fee revenues. The base is set to receive new military aircraft and hundreds of millions of dollars in new federal investments as the Pacific Theater heats up with

new challenges from China and North Korea. Private sector flights in and out of the base currently account for roughly 3000 flights a year, but the March Joint Powers Aviation agency is proposing to increase that number to 21,000 private flights (mostly warehouse cargo) along with more non-military businesses occupying property adjacent to the military runway.

Before I, [Supervisor Jeffries],Leave, I want to **thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your representative for these past 12 years.** I've (mostly) enjoyed the dozens, and on occasion the hundred or so email replies I have received each month in response to this newsletter. The engagement by and of the public is key to our Republic.

I've been keenly aware to NOT become one of those elected officials who starts out with the best intentions of "representing the people to the government" and instead gets seduced by the perks and power of the position and then switches to "representing the government to the people". This elected office has never "belonged" to me – it was only temporarily loaned. And with that, I must also acknowledge the incredibly hard working staff that has worked tirelessly helping people and thus made me look good (well... as best they could). So my sincere personal thanks to all the current and former First District staff: Jeff Greene, Bob Magee, Kerstin Justus, Robin Reid, Kristen Huyck, Tom Ketcham, Elena Bautista, Araceli Ruiz, Tricia Almiron, Samantha Stillwell, Liz Limon, Hashish Winstead, Lynn Anderson, Damian Fussel, Lorraine Williams & Vanessa Ortega. A shout-out also goes to those who volunteered grueling hours to serve as our First District Planning Commissioner(s); Charissa Leach, Bruce Shaffer, Shade Awad and Mussa Khiair.

I must also express my gratitude to my wife Chris, who has put up with me for 42 years, starting when I was a volunteer firefighter and through my various elected positions – all while raising our two children and helping manage our family businesses. Rest assured it was no easy task for her. Again, thank you for the privilege to serve. Stay engaged. Stay informed. Stay vigilant. It's your government!

Respectfully,  
Kevin D. Jeffries  
First District Supervisor (Retired 12/31/24)

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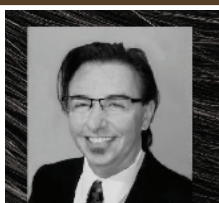


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**Can California Afford...** (From. P.10)  
tends to work with the president-elect wherever there is common ground." Yet is there common ground? 73% of California voted for Prop 36 cut crime, yet Newsom was against it. Now he is threatening to spend California dollars we don't have.

Newsom has struggled with the budget since federal COVID funding ran out. He blew through nearly \$100 billion in budget surplus by saying he'd help homelessness, mental health, and climate.

Since Newsom took office in 2019 the state budget has ballooned. His predecessor, Gov. Jerry Brown (D.), passed a \$201 billion budget in his final year in office. **By 2021, Newsom increased it by 34 percent to \$269 billion.** In 2022, almost one million Californians moved out of the state and Newsom enacted a nearly \$308 billion budget - in spite of fewer residents.

California's Democratic lawmakers promise to trim the budget. Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas said lawmakers "need to show restraint with this year's budget" and that "it's not a moment for expanding programs." Meanwhile, the Newsom administration reports that tax revenues should be higher than expected, by \$5 billion! The Legislative Analyst's Office also reported this spike, due to stock surges the wealthiest Californians capitalized on. While workers' hourly wages and salaries rose little.

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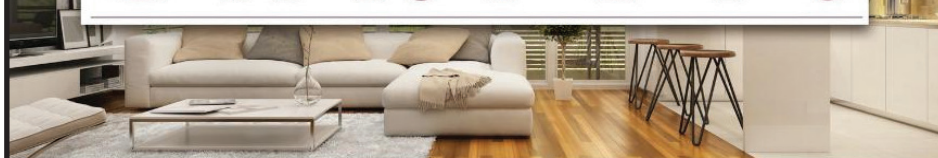
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