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From the Desk of Chuck Washington:

Hemet Declares War on Crime

On Friday, April 7, the City of Hemet, its citizens, leaders and law enforcement declared war on crime in their community. This bold declaration the Hemet city council pledged to take “100 percent” of the city’s Measure U tax and dedicate it to city’s own police and fire departments and to bolster medical aid services to all residents. Measure U was passed by Hemet’s citizens in November 2016.

“Today I join my fellow council members in taking this effort to the next level. We are declaring a war on crime. A declaration of war is important because we are already under attack,” stated Hemet Mayor Linda Krupa.

I was proud to join the leaders in this commitment, and inspired by the community support at the press conference. Over 200 leaders, citizens and media were on hand to listen to Hemet Police Chief Dave Brown, Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin,, Mayor Krupa and myself emphatically declare war on crime in Hemet. ABC, CBS and NBC from Los Angeles attended the event.

With this declaration the City of Hemet is ready to authorize \$6 million in additional police staffing, \$1 million in new units and safety equipment, \$1 million in major renovations to the police facility, and approve a labor agreement worth nearly \$7 million over five years to enhance the Hemet Police force’s ability to recruit and retain exceptional police professionals.



VETERANS ASSISTANCE & EVENTS

FREE VA Benefits & Criminal Record Clearance Legal Clinic: OneJustice's Justice Bus® Project is partnering with the Public Counsel Law Center to provide a FREE VA benefits and clean slate legal clinic for veterans. During the clinic, individuals with appointments will meet one-on-one with volunteer attorneys one-hundred percent free of charge. **Space is Limited.** Call 213-261-8931. Appointments are Wednesday, April 26, 12 noon- 4 pm at Riverside Library– Arlanza Branch, 8267 Philbin Ave., Riverside.

Veterans Employment Opportunities

Veterans Supplemental Support Network

Temecula Valley VFW, 28075 Diaz Rd, Temecula, CA



Links to your Community and Events

Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce,
951-658-3211

Murrieta Chamber of Commerce, 951-677-7916

Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce, 951-676-5090

Anza Valley Municipal Advisory Council (AVMAC),
Meets every 2nd Wednesday, Anza Community Hall

City of Hemet, 951-765-2300

City of Murrieta, 951-304-2489

City of Temecula, 951-694-6444

Idyllwild Community Center Org



Homelessness: Helping Without Hurting

Renowned coauthor of “When Helping Hurts,” Dr. Brian Fikkert, and a recognized expert on issues relating to homelessness and Dr. Joe Colletti will lead a one-day training seminar on “When Helping Hurts,” Thursday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Riverside Convention Center.

The seminar will focus on how faith-based and nonprofit organizations can help those in need, especially those dealing with homelessness without hurting.

The seminar will address the following questions:

- How can we create sustainable and effective way to serve those experiencing homelessness?
- What are the common pitfalls of providing assistance to those experiencing homelessness and how can they be avoided?
- How can we shift our efforts from creating unintended dependency to fostering empowerment?

The morning session will provide overview of the core principles of “When Helping Hurts” and is designed to get entire community networks (nonprofits, churches, ministries, financial partners, government agencies and volunteers) thinking about the same framework and methodology.

The afternoon session applies the concepts of the morning session, with an overview of homelessness challenges and how to empower the community network with the knowledge and tools to take the first steps in Helping Without Hurting.

Dr. Brian Fikkert is a Professor of Economics and Community Development and the Founder and President of the Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College. He is coauthor of the best-selling book *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor ... and Yourself*.

The event is free. Lunch is not included. Reservations can be made at bit.ly/HWH-Seminar.



3rd District Communities Showing Community Pride with Cleanup

Homeland Clean Up:

A cooperative effort between Homeland's Community First Church, Waste Management, Inc. and Riverside County Department of Waste Resources, April 8 to clean up Homeland.

Pastor Moore of Community First Church organized the community effort, and hosted the collection site. Waste Management provided to 40 yard roll off boxes.

This was a first effort for clean up and received great response from the community, eventually hauling out 6.46 tons of material, ranging from mattresses to broken toys.



Anza Tire Cleanup:

Anza recently held a waste tire cleanup day where 87 residents participated in collecting and disposing of 892 waste tires.

Congratulations to March's Students of the Month

- Hamilton High School: James Gillam
- Hemet High School: Anusha Koka
- Aspire Community Day School: Anthony Finney
- Tahquitz HS: Jasmine Randolph
- West Valley HS: Valery Carrillo
- Mtn. View HS: Matt Onufryk
- San Jacinto High School: Anneka Manzano
- Murrieta Valley High School: Austin Combs
- Vista Murrieta High School: Damaris Leano
- Murrieta Canyon Academy: Roxanne Bolanos
- Calvary Christian Schools: Ryley Collom
- Murrieta Mesa High School: Tatum Mann
- Chaparral High School: Sergio Vargas
- Great Oak High School: Genevieve Tahirih De Gange
- Linfield Christian High School: Breil Bonaguro
- Rancho Vista High School: Joy Huffine
- Susan H. Nelson High School: Daniela Loera
- Temecula Valley High School: Katherine Kirk

Join the Youth Advisory Council

High School Students - Join the Youth Advisory Council, a youth leadership commission that provides advice, assistance and recommendations on youth related issues to the Board of Supervisors and County Departments. The Youth Council focuses on anticipating the educational, recreational and cultural needs of youth by working together to host meaningful events that will benefit the community. See [Notes](#) for more information.

Legislative Internship, Riverside County 3rd District Opening:

The Legislative Internship is an ideal opportunity for college students to gain hands-on experience working in the fast-paced world of elected office by participating in the County Executive and Legislative process. Supervisor Washington's Office in the 3rd District is currently accepting applications for Legislative Interns. [See more:](#)



Taste of Temecula Valley

Enjoy a two-day taste treat in Old Town Temecula, April 28-29, Hosted by the Temecula Education Foundation to unite the community “for the kids” and features 70+ food, beverage and specialty vendors. See tasteoftemecula.com

Day of the Young Child: Saturday, April 29, 2017 10am-2pm, Murrieta Public Library 8 Town Square Murrieta, CA 92562. Designed to inform, educate, and enjoy the day with parents of young children and their families, early childhood professionals and members of the community. Free Admission. Info and RSVP Ronica Cervantes at 951-778-5003 or RCervantes@ConsortiumELS.org



INNOVATION HONORED

The Soar 2017 Ovation Awards are given to an individual and/or organization that has developed an innovative approach to solving a real world challenge, highlighting the skills and talents embedded in the region. The luncheon is at the Lake Elsinore Storm, April 27, from 11 am to 1:30 pm See more at: [Soar Awards](#).



HELP US BETTER SERVE YOU

The County of Riverside Community Action Partnership is conducting a Community Needs Assessment. We need as many residents as possible to complete this survey to help us design our programs and services to better serve you. Please take a few minutes to fill out our on-line survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CAPNeedsSurvey2017> <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CAPEncuesta2017>

Non-Profit of the Month: Center Against Sexual Assault of Southwest Riverside County

The Center Against Sexual Assault of Southwest Riverside County (C.A.S.A.) was founded in 1982 and is the only state certified Rape Crisis Center serving the San Jacinto Valley and surrounding communities.

CASA serves survivors of sexual violence of all ages and their families. We do this through crisis intervention, long-term counseling, support groups and advocacy.

Advocacy includes 24/7 coverage of the crisis hot line, accompanying survivors to the hospital for a forensic exam, then to law enforcement for reporting the assault and to court for any legal proceedings. CASA also assists survivors in accessing other services crucial to their

healing process.

CASA also educates the community on sexual assault issues, including prevention techniques and referral services.

CASA offices are located at 2587 S. San Jacinto Avenue, in San Jacinto. Their hot line is (866) 373-8300.



For more information on services visit their website:

[CASA](#).

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Around the Thriving Third



Around the Thriving Third: (L-R - clockwise) Reality Rally in Temecula, April 8 had one of the largest crowds in hits history. Captain Purvis and the San Jacinto High School Air Force Junior ROTC, Hemet Valley Medical Center Ribbon Cutting, , Habitat for Humanity Marathon ad Diamond Valley, Hemet Declares War On Crime on April 7, Sundae Sayles, representing Supervisor Washington at the