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**April 2020**

## Supervisors postpone decision on distances between pot shops to May 19, 2020



First Pot Shop



Second Pot Shop



Third Pot Shop?

A third Pot Shop is seeking approval for the S/W corner of Iowa Ave. and Villa Street across from Zorbas and Reliable Tire.

## Pot Shops trying to invade Highgrove

The first Pot Shop in Riverside County was approved at 240 Iowa Avenue in Highgrove on Dec. 10, 2019. Prior to this approval back on Nov. 20, 2019, the City of Riverside sent a letter to Riverside County opposing the first pot shop on Iowa Ave. because, even though it was 1,500 feet from the city limits of Riverside, they opposed it because it was too close to their city limits.

The second applicant wants to build another pot shop on the S/E corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave and in order to do this they need to have the distance between cannabis stores shortened to 250 feet because the first store is only a short distance away and the existing 1,000 foot ordinance would prevent allowing another store to be built because they would be too close together other. The second Pot Shop is even closer to Riverside's city limits and the 3rd one is only a few feet from Riverside's city limits. At their meeting on March 17, 2020, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors postponed changing the distance between Pot Shops from 1,000 ft. to 250 ft. (Cont. on P. 3)

### Volunteers needed to circulate petition to stop paying for the Deputy Sheriff we have not had for 10 years!

Check your tax bill and if the amount directly across from CSA 126 is \$120.00 or more you are paying too much. New home owners in Spring Mountain Ranch, D R Horton and Lennar homes are asked to look at the amount directly across from CSA 126 on their tax bill. Some of the new homes show CSA 126 as much as \$2,176.92 and I have copies of their tax bills to prove it. **But we need more petitions!!!!!!**

Sign the petition and get your neighbors to sign because door to door is the best way due to homeowners having access to their property tax bills so they can get their parcel number from their files. Then mail them to:

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## Sign the Petition On Line

This petition is for all Highgrove property owners east of the I-215 freeway including the old part of Highgrove, DR Horton homes, Spring Mountain Ranch, and Lennar homes.

Instructions:

1. Go to: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net)
2. Print out the petition
3. Fill it out and include your Parcel Number that appears on your property tax bill and
4. mail to: Highgrove Happenings Newspaper  
474 Prospect Ave.  
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This petition is to eliminate the property tax we are required to pay for the Highgrove Sheriff Deputy that was eliminated by Riverside County on Dec. 30, 2009. Ten years after our Deputy was eliminated we still are paying for the Deputy we do not have!

Every Highgrove property owner should check their property tax bill and look at the amount straight across from CSA 126. If that amount is \$120.00 or more you should ask Riverside County for a written detailed breakdown explaining how every dollar of our CSA 126 tax money has been spent for the last ten years!

### GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION:

In 2017/18 there was a Grand Jury investigation about our CSA 126 funds. The Grand Jury instructions to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency contained the following statement:

***"The CSA 126 management provide a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed."***

So far Riverside County has not followed these instructions! Highgrove has a new Municipal Advisory Council but the Grand Jury's instructions were never mentioned at the Oct. 30, 2019 meeting or the Jan. 29, 2020 meeting. The MAC is the only community organization in Highgrove that is recognized by the Board of Supervisors and since the Coronavirus Pandemic there won't be another MAC meeting until July 29, 2020.

This is important because prior to the 1997 ballot, Riverside County stated: ***"This tax will be retained in the CSA 126 fund to be used only for purposes of continuing Extended Sheriff and Park & Recreation services and improvements"***

The Highgrove Property Owners AND the Grand Jury want to know where our money has been spent for the last 10 years. And if it wasn't **"retained"** in Highgrove's CSA 126 account, where is it? Related article on Page 3 (Video of Parcel owner's meeting)

Letter to Politicians on Page 5

Copy of 1997 Ballot on Page 8

Highgrove treated fairley? on Page 10



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm



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Our Senior Nutrition program is currently offering frozen meals to registered participants for pick-up on Wednesdays, 11:00 am. To 1:00 PM. This program is open to participants age 60 and above only. We will make all attempts to keep you informed as information becomes available. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back soon!

**During these uncertain times it is important to receive factual information from reliable sources. Below is a list of trusted agencies.**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or 1-800-232-4636

State of California [www.covid19.gov](http://www.covid19.gov) During these uncertain times it is important to receive factual information from reliable sources. Below is a list of trusted agencies.

Riverside County Department of Public Health [www.rivcoph.org](http://www.rivcoph.org)

San Bernardino County Department of Public Health [www.sbcounty.gov](http://www.sbcounty.gov)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov)

Social Security Administration Information [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) Online services [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

Coronavirus tax relief [www.irs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus)

Institute on Aging Senior Intervention & Friendship Hotline Age 60 and above seeking interaction and experiencing feelings of isolation 1-800-971-0016 or [www.ioaging.org](http://www.ioaging.org)

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People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

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- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
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For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)



**May 9th: 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

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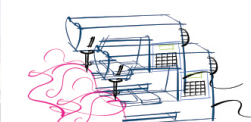
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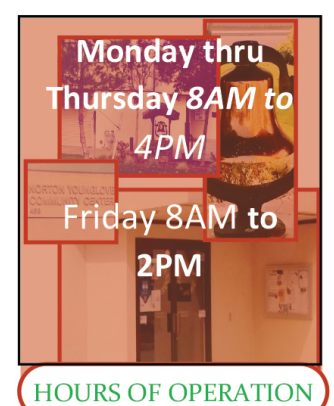
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Pot Shops from P. 1

but another public hearing is scheduled for May 19, 2020.

The two-page letter from Riverside reads in part: *"The City of Riverside respects the County of Riverside's authority to permit cannabis businesses in its jurisdiction. However, the proposed Retail cannabis business is located approximately 1,500 feet from the boundary of the City of Riverside. While the County can offset health, safety and enforcement impacts through fees and other measures in its development agreement; the City cannot. As a result, the proximity of this business to the City of Riverside will result in direct and indirect impacts to the City without mitigating resources. The city respects the County's authority to approve cannabis businesses within its jurisdiction, but asked that such approvals not occur near the City of Riverside."*

If a Pot Shop in Highgrove is 1,500 feet from Riverside's City limits and that is too close for them, what about Highgrove residents? Highgrove needs services such as a Grocery Store, Shopping Center, a Bank, and a Post Office due to all the new and older homes that need these services instead of Pot Shops. When Highgrove residents go to Stater Bros. in Grand Terrace they are taking their tax money to San Bernardino County but if some of these services were in Highgrove, the tax revenue would go to Riverside County.

Highgrove residents are under attack from outside sources that will only benefit them while our necessary services continue to be neglected.

## Do Public Comments serve the public's needs?

During Supervisor Ashley's jurisdiction, developers or builders who wanted to make changes in Highgrove were directed to present their project to the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council before going directly to the Planning Commission. This process enabled the community to know what is being planned for their neighborhood and it worked very well.

But when Supervisor Tavaglione replaced Supervisor Ashley due to boundary adjustments, Supervisor Tavaglione eliminated the entire Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council at a public hearing on April 11, 2017 and for 2 1/2 years Highgrove was left without any voice of the people to our County Supervisor.

The new Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council under Supervisor Spiegel held their first meeting at the Highgrove Library on October 30, 2019 but the meeting was only to review the Brown Act.

Then on Nov. 20, 2019, the following month after the first MAC meeting, I learned about the letter (Shown above) from the City of Riverside to Riverside County opposing a marijuana store in Highgrove.

So what happened to Supervisor Ashley's agreement about the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council being made aware of significant changes to Highgrove?

Supervisor Tavaglione eliminated the first Highgrove MAC and it is apparent that the applicant for the first pot shop went directly to the Planning Commission instead of the applicant or Planning Commission notifying the Highgrove MAC. Then it happened again because nothing was mentioned at the second Highgrove MAC meeting on Jan. 29, 2020 about a request for a 2<sup>nd</sup> marijuana store in Highgrove or changing the ordinance from 1,000 feet to 250 feet between marijuana stores.

For the 2nd time, the applicants went directly to the Planning Commission instead of notifying the new Highgrove MAC about the ordinance change because the **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS** from the Planning Commission were to approve shortening the distance between the stores.

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A. J. Benson from Benson Productions Video taped this meeting and Adrien Reyes put the Video on discs with subtitle text that matches my talking points. This 13 minute video and a cover letter were mailed to the following people on March 16, 2020. Senator Richard Roth, Congressman Mark Takano, Assemblyman Jose Medina, Governor Gavin Newsom, Jeff Horseman Riverside

Press, Rob McMillan Channel 7, Frank Buckley Channel 5, David Goldstein Channels 2 & 9, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn., California False Claims unit, and the Associated Press in Wasington. These were mailed to expose what Riverside County is doing to the small community of Highgrove. **For Letter: Page 5 For Video: go to: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net), double click on Property Owner's Meeting & click on the play arrow in the lower left corner.**

## COVID-19 Virus cancels Highgrove events

The meeting of the new Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council scheduled for April 29, 2020 has been cancelled and the next Highgrove MAC meeting won't be until July 29, 2020.

This means that there have only been two new MAC meetings, one on October 31, 2019 (that was only for explaining the Brown Act to the new MAC members) and another one on Jan. 29, 2020. Why is this important?

Because 9 months have passes since the new MAC was formed and only 2 meetings have been held. Previous to these two meetings there had not been a Highgrove MAC meeting for 2 1/2 years. The new MAC members should insist that the Grand Jury recommendations are adhered to by requiring Riverside County to furnish a written report to the MAC to: **clarify exactly how the CSA 126 funds are duistributed."**

Previous CSA 126 /MAC meetings have been held every month since 1991 except for the months of December. And when the Highgrove MAC was created by Supervisor Ashley on August 23, 2006 the monthly meetings continued until Supervisor Tavagklione eliminated the Highgrove MAC on April 11, 2017.

Monthly meetings enabled our community to know what is being planned for our neighborhood and it worked very well for 26 years. But holding MAC meetings quarterly instead of monthly enables developers to go directly to the Planning Commission without Highgrove knowing what the developer is planning to build in Highgrove. **During the Corona Virus pandemic it is important for the new Highgrove MAC members to monotor the Riverside County Planning Commission's web site to keep an eye out for changes that effect Highgrove.** Anyone can go on line to Riverside County Planning Department /Public Hearings and then notify the Highgrove Happenings at (951) 683 4994 or the e-mail address at: [highgrovenews@roadrunner.com](mailto:highgrovenews@roadrunner.com) and we will notify residents about the proposed changes.

Another important way is posting something on "Next Door".

## 33rd Highgrove Day Cancelled

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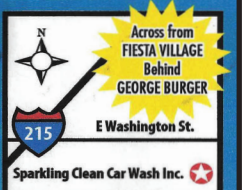
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**Taxation without representation!** March 16, 2020

In 1992 the small 3.2 square mile un-incorporated community of Highgrove in Riverside County voted to pay an extra annual fee of \$120.00 per parcel to pay for a Sheriff Deputy assigned exclusively to their community. The extra fee appeared on their property tax bills as: CSA 126.....\$120.00.

Then, in 1997 due to proposition 218, parcel owners voted again by 75.8% to keep their deputy. Both ballots were mailed out by Riverside County to the property owners and this worked well for many years.

Later I wondered why our Sheriff Deputy did not stop by my house anymore and I found out that on Dec. 30, 2009, Riverside County eliminated Highgrove's exclusive deputy without notifying any of the Highgrove voters!

As Chairman of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council, I asked Riverside County to refund the voters the amount they paid after the sheriff was eliminated. But today, 10 years after our deputy was eliminated, Riverside County still requires the \$120.00 fee to be paid with our property taxes.

On Aug. 5, 2015, I personally handed Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione a request for an audit of Highgrove's CSA 126 funds. (CSA stands for County Service Area and Highgrove's number is 126)

Then on April 11, 2017 Supervisor Tavaglione held a public hearing and eliminated the entire Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council because we were asking too many questions about our CSA 126 finances. He eliminated our monthly meetings to silence Highgrove's only community voice!

On Sept. 1, 2017, there was a **Grand Jury investigation** and the

Grand Jury stated that there should be: ***"a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed"*** (As of the date of this letter, this notice has still not been complied with)

All CSA 126 assessments for the Sheriff have been \$120.00 per for many years but all of the new homes are being charged exorbitant amounts for the same CSA 126 item on their tax bills.

I have tax bills from some of the new homes being built in Highgrove and they are being charged as much as **\$2,176.92** for the same CSA 126 assessment that the older part is paying **\$120.00**.

I am enclosing a homemade video of a meeting that I hosted for the Highgrove property owners on Jan. 15, 2020. All statements made at this meeting are backed up in writing.

Over 4,000 Highgrove property owners are tired of still being required to pay for a specific service (Deputy) that was eliminated 10 years ago by Riverside County!

We need your cooperation, assistance, and response to help expose this miss-use of Highgrove's CSA 126 funds. The public needs to know what Riverside County is doing to our small community. Please give me a call & I will answer any of your questions.

Thank you,  
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that is likely extinct today, was spread by fleas on infected rodents. The colossal number of deaths were dealt with by using mass graves. The large number of lives lost didn't just reduce the population but changed the course of history because the surviving people had better access to food and the lack of numbers in the workforce lead to technological innovations.

16th Century "conquerors" from Spain brought a cluster of diseases to the Americas including smallpox and caused the deaths of an estimated indigenous population, including the Aztec and Inca, that is thought to be 90%! The Flu Pandemic of 1889-1890 took just FIVE weeks to reach peak mortality, in all, killing one million people. It took just a few months, in an age without air transportation, to travel from Russia to Europe and the rest of the world.

The Spanish Flu of 1918-1920 had an estimated 500 MILLION affected with a death rate of 1 in 5= 100 million. It was during WWI so the troops living in close quarters were particularly hit hard. Despite the name, the flu didn't originate in Spain.

Modern times have seen the "Asian Flu", "Swine Flu", "Ebola", "Zika", and AIDS (which is still being transmitted). (livescience.com) We as 21st Century people have never been more fortunate in that we have very modern science and medicine to mitigate the toll this current viral outbreak can have. But no matter the century, the germ, or the outcome, one thing has been consistent since 3000 BC, containing the spread of an infection has remained in the hands of those closest to it.

LISTEN to the health experts not politicians. The HEALTH EXPERTS know their stuff. I'm a doctor and I'm listening to them. This is a bad nightmare but it's not a dream and it's not a joke. If we listen to the experts and do the things recommended, not matter how inconvenient and annoying and painful they are, you will be rewarded knowing you are part of the solution to get this pandemic over with as quickly as possible. Thank you for your help.

DO THE FIVE to Help stop coronavirus (World Health Organization)

- 1 HANDS - Wash them often
- 2 ELBOW - Cough into it
- 3 FACE - Don't touch it
- 4 SPACE - Keep safe distance

**Tax deadline  
extended to  
July 15, 2020.**



**Get Your Taxes Done FREE at the HIGHGROVE  
LIBRARY!**

**If you earned less than \$70K in 2019 and had no business losses or rental income you qualify!**

Free Tax Preparation Services Provided by Community Action Partnership of Riverside County

Every Saturday during the month of February, March and April 11, 2020 from 10am-2pm. Free Tax Preparation Services will be available at the Highgrove Library located at 530 W Center St. Highgrove, CA 92507. For more information please call 951-682-1507.

Pre-School Story Time @ HIGHGROVE LIBRARY—Join us for stories and crafts every Wednesday at 11:30am and Thursday at 3pm.

For more information please call the library at: 951-682-1507

**Requests sent to Supervisor Karen Spiegel:**

1. Hold monthly MAC meetings instead of quarterly.
2. Comply with Grand Jury instructions that say: ***"CSA 126 management provide a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed."***
3. Please allow a 20 ft. container to be placed next to the existing 20 ft. container in the parking lot of the community center that is being used by the EDA. The new container will be purchased with donations and will be used for Highgrove items and Highgrove Day.
4. Please provide public information to the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper concerning events or dates that concern Highgrove residents.

**City of Riverside's Sunshine Ordinance**

The city of Riverside requires a 12 days public notice of upcoming meetings rather than the state-required 3 day notice.

In a letter about this subject on Sept. 10, 2015, city manager John Russo stated: ***"For a democracy to be truly representative, the people must have an opportunity to fully review and question the proposed actions of their government"***

To prevent this from happening again maybe the Highgrove MAC should request a similar ordinance to be put in place by Riverside County to protect the un-incorporated communities.

## You Can Quote Me Cynthia Williams, DC

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~ Dr Cindy

I would be remiss if, as a journalist, I didn't address the HUGE issue facing not only the USA but also the whole world. March has delivered a story straight out of a Hollywood B-movie. Panic, governmental ineptness and confusion, illness spreading like the virtual plague, and deaths; too many among the least expected. A prevalence of COVID lingo has crept into our collective language: "social distancing", "isolation", "hoarding", "transmission", "flatten the curve", and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). This particular virus knows no limits of age, gender, economic status, or political party. We are equal at the risk of being afflicted with this virulent virus.

Perspective is important. We've seen outbreaks before. 5,000 years ago, ironically in China, an epidemic wiped out a village in China. It's unknown what the killer was; what is known is that the bodies of the dead were crammed inside a house and then burned down. Skeletal remains of all ages were found there. After that the site was abandoned.

The "Black Death" from 1346-1353 started in Asia and trailed to Europe, wiping out over half of Europe's population along the way. A bacteria





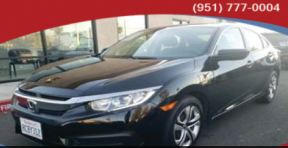






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Crime stats from Feb. 29, to March 18, 2020

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Assaults (2)

Robbery Firearm (0)

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Theft from veh. (2)



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County Spokeswoman quoted from Press Enterprise article:

On April 20, 2019 the Press Enterprise ran an article titled: "Residents file suit over servicee fee"

In reference to new Spring Mountain Ranch property owners paying as much as \$2,900.00 where older property owners in Highgrove only have to pay \$120.00 per year, here is what the spokeswoman from Riverside County, Brooke Federico stated: "The higher assessment covers costs associated with regular landscaping, street lighting, enhanced sheriff services, Spring Mountain Ranch community park, community trails and water quality basins"

The ballot was not to be used for "Landscaping" or any of the other purposes mentioned by the Riverside County spokeswoman!

Were CSA 126 funds used for "lanscaping" in Spring Mountain Ranch?

The fee was only for two purposes: The Sheriff, and Park and Recreation services.

Read the wording on the 1997 ballot below!



Spring Mountain Ranch

Here is a copy of the 1997 ballot that was approved by 75.8 % of the Highgrove voters to keep our Deputy Sheriff

The following statement was an "Impartial Analysis" made by the Riverside County Council prior to the 1997 Ballot:

"This tax will be retained in the CSA 126 fund to be used only for purposes of continuing Extended Sheriff, and Park and Recreation services and improvements. This tax cannot be increased except by a 2/3 vote of the electorate"

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS	
COUNTY	
COUNTY SERVICE AREA 126 ZONE A	
† Shall the County of Riverside be authorized to replace, at the same rate, the existing assessment of \$120.00, with a Special Tax on all parcels within CSA 126 Zone A to continue to finance the same Extended Sheriff and Park & Recreation Services?	Yes
	No

This ballot was approved for only for two specific purposes. If not used for these two purposes the funds were supposed to be "Retained" in Highgrove's CSA 126 account!

Code Enforcement responds to complaints from Highgrove residents!

Before



After



Good News! The only thing left is this Volkswagen Bug. The clean up of this junkyard was covered in our January issue and we thank Riverside County for cleaning up this mess!



On Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, approximately 12 noon, a fire started in a gully just north of the Santa Ana River and east of La Cadena. A large piled up mountain of junk and debris that was accumulated caught on fire. It appears to have been started by a homeless encampment located there for some time. Two City of Colton fire trucks responded to the fire with the Colton Police Department assisting with traffic control.

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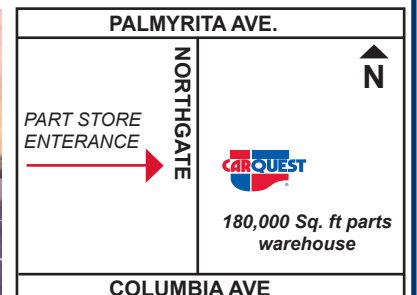
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