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May 2020

Pot Shops trying to invade Highgrove!

Supervisors to consider shortening distances between pot shops on May 19, 2020

Attend this meeting but call (951) 955 1069 first to see if this item is still on the agenda!

Time: 9:30 am, Location: 1st floor 4080 Lemon St., Riverside, Fill out a speaker card!



On December 10, 2019 the first Pot Shop in Riverside County was approved at 240 Iowa Avenue in Highgrove. Prior to this approval back on Nov. 20, 2019, the City of Riverside sent a letter to Riverside County opposing the first pot shop in Highgrove and even though it is 1,500 feet from the Riverside City Limits, they say that this distance is too close to their city!

Now a second applicant wants to open another pot shop on the S/E corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave. but there is an existing ordinance stating there must be at least 1,000 feet between cannabis stores and the second pot shop would violate this ordinance. The ordinance would have to be changed, from the 1,000 foot distance, and shortened to 250 feet due to the close proximity from the first pot shop. The second pot shop is even closer to Riverside's city limits and there is a third proposal that would place another one only a few feet from Riverside's city limits.

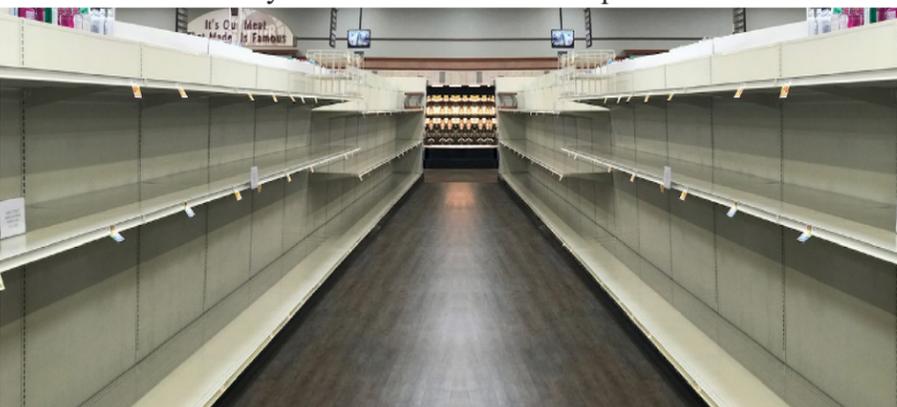
Riverside's two-page letter dated Nov. 20, 2019 reads in part: *"The City of Riverside respects the County of Riverside's authority to permit cannabis businesses in its jurisdiction. However, the proposed retail cannabis business is located approximately 1,500 feet from the boundary of the City of Riverside. While the County can offset health, safety and enforcement impacts through fees and other measures in its development agreement, the City of Riverside 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 being located 1,500 feet from Riverside's city limits is too close for Riverside residents, what about the residents who live in Highgrove? All the existing homes in Highgrove plus the hundreds of new homes that are being built need basic services such as: A Grocery Store, Shopping Center, Bank, and a Post Office. When Highgrove residents go to Stater Brothers in Grand Terrace, they are taking their tax money to San Bernardino County but if these services were in Highgrove, the tax revenue would go to Riverside County.

The growing community of Highgrove needs basic services instead of cannabis shops. Highgrove residents are under attack from outside sources that will only benefit them while Highgrove's basic needs continue to be neglected.

Stater Brothers Shelves Cleaned Out

They have restocked since this photo



Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council



Jeff Girod

My wife and I moved to Highgrove in 2015 and we were one of the first 100 houses in Spring Mountain Ranch. When I moved in, I was the only house on my block. We had no streetlights, no traffic lights or road signs. The first week, a pack of donkeys ate all of the plants in our front yard and left a "housewarming gift" in the driveway. It was a gamble if the housing development would even succeed, but I wanted a better life for my family. I walk and drive the same streets you do and I see the same issues. My sons and I ride bikes on Center and Mount Vernon and shoot hoops at the local parks. I buy the local oranges for a couple of bucks and, yes, I get stuck waiting for the train to pass from time to time. I wonder what will become of our vacant fields as the new houses continue to be built. As Highgrove grows, I want it to be in a way that serves and supports all of its residents and is built for the long-term. I have worked in Riverside since 2000, formerly as a reporter at The Press-Enterprise and currently at UC Riverside. I have made it a personal priority to find more ways to give back to a community that I cherish. I coach youth soccer, basketball and Little League in Grand Terrace.

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Kathryn Grimble

I was born and raised in Louisiana and moved to California when I began teaching about 15 years ago. I met my husband here while teaching and we now have two active and amazing boys who are 10 and 2. Prior to living in Highgrove, we resided in San Jacinto, but were eager to make our way to Riverside as my husband and I have both worked here for over 9 years. I have been working at University Heights, the middle school that serves the Highgrove area, for 7 years, so we were thrilled to find a home that is part of the community I spend so much time in and am passionate to serve. As the principal at Uni, I have the privilege to work with families around the area and I wanted to join the Highgrove MAC to find another way to get involved and find more ways to give back to the community.

Hope you and your family are doing well with all of the things going on. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can help with!

Katie Grimble



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Around the first of each month you can look on our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net “Latest Issue” for our next on-line issue. The April and May issues are now available on-line!

Jeff Girod (Cont. from P. 1)

I lead a group of 50-100 people who volunteer at Feeding America in Riverside as part of UCR's annual Highlander Day of Service. I am a volunteer tour guide at the Mission Inn in downtown Riverside. I'm a member of a local Toastmasters club that meets Tuesdays at Schools First Credit Union on University Avenue. I also serve as a member of the Champions Council for Nothing But Nets, a grassroots international organization operated by the United Nations that provides insecticide-treated bed nets to countries hit hardest by malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. I do it to honor my late father who was a medical missionary in India, who ultimately died from a disease he contracted from a mosquito bite. In my role, I regularly talk to elected officials both here in Riverside and on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. I do these things because I love my community and the people who live here, and I think we all have an obligation to find ways to give back and support each other, especially to help those who need it most and might not be able to advocate for themselves. I choose to live here and I hope to retire here, because I love Highgrove, our people and what we all stand for. I hope I can be your voice on Highgrove's Municipal Advisory Council.



Jeff and Emily are proud of their family!

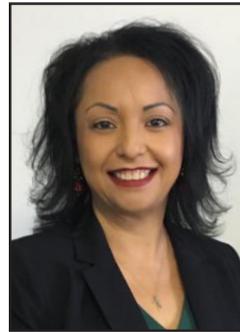
Jennifer Grob



My name is Jennifer Cabrera-Grob and I am a newly appointed member of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC). With the recent growth of homes in this area, I believe the longtime residents as well as the new, need to have a voice in the development of this district. I am excited to assist our community in staying connected with the county representatives. A little about me: I was born and raised in the Arlington Area of Riverside, and am an alumnus of Ramona High School. About 4 1/2 years ago, my husband, twin boys and I moved from the Wood Streets Area to the Highgrove community. We were immediately attracted to this area because of the short distance to all the places we have grown to love and call our hometown; the downtown area, remaining within the RUSD boundaries, and the location of our church, Sandals. While working as a member of the management team of an Inland Empire financial institution, I was introduced to the benefits and community connections you develop as an active member of a Chamber of Commerce. It was there where I first served as a member of a council; Mag Center Business Council and the Ambassador Committee of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce.

Recently I have utilized many of the things I learned to assist the Grand Terrace Chamber of Commerce where I currently work as an assistant to the board. (Cont. on P. 6)

Rachelle Roman, MPA



Ms. Rachelle Román is the current Deputy Director for Administration at Riverside County Office on Aging and has held this position for almost 7 years. Ms. Román represents the agency at various governmental and community group meetings, makes presentations on behalf of the Office on Aging programs and services and provides interface with all divisions of County departments. In her position, Ms. Román also plans, coordinates and directs the Agency's administrative division, which includes fiscal and operation management, personnel management, general business activities, management information systems, communication services and social service programs for older adults and persons with disabilities.

Prior to this position, she held the position of Chief Accountant/Internal Auditor for the Auditor-Controller's Office of Riverside County. She is an accomplished Executive Leader with over 9 years' experience holding Executive Leadership positions and over 15 years' experience managing/supervising professional teams. She also has 27 years' experience in governmental accounting, with over 14 years of experience in Budget Preparation/Management & Financial and Statistical Analysis.

Ms. Román holds a Master's in Public Administration with her undergraduate work being in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting. Ms. Román's biggest accomplishment and joy are her three beautiful children, Karisa age 18, Jake age 16 and Jace age 10.



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.

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Public Asked to Monitor Planning Commission

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 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 a letter from the City of Riverside to Riverside County opposing a marijuana store in Highgrove. So what happened to the Ashley agreement about the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council being made aware of any new 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 notifying the Highgrove MAC.

Then it happened again because nothing was mentioned at the second MAC meeting on Jan 29, 2020 about a request for a second marijuana store in Highgrove or changing the ordinance between pot shops 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 stores from 1,000 feet to 250 feet. (See front page about May 19th meeting)

When is gas too cheap?

If you are buying gas today, you are probably enjoying the lowest price you have ever paid for a gallon of regular unleaded at the pump on the last 40 years.

No doubt that these cheaper gas prices are welcome news to consumers. Only one state has a "summer blend" of gasoline. That state is California. That fuel blend is designed to reduce air pollution.

Since only 1 of 50 states uses this blend of fuel, Californians pay much higher fuel prices. While "summer blend" drives up the gas prices each summer that's not the case this year.

Californians pay the highest prices in the nation for gas. East coast states and Washington, D.C., are right on the heels of the golden state for high gas prices. Seems that drivers in those states can't escape high taxes for gasoline either.

If you are traveling through Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, and the Dakotas, or Wyoming you may find regular unleaded gas for as low as \$1.40 per gallon.

The oil industry market analysts say we could see gas as cheap as .99 cents per gallon in some states. That hasn't happened in decades.

Some readers may remember the gas shortages in the early and late 1970's. These were brought on when suppliers of crude oil abruptly raised prices. Refineries paid more for crude oil so they passed along the price increases to consumers.

With gas rationing, you could either buy gas on odd or even days, depending on your license plate having odd or even numbers.

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Video of Highgrove Property Owners Meeting Now On-Line

On Jan. 15, 2020, I hosted a meeting for Highgrove parcel owners at the Riverside Eagles Aerie # 997 located in Highgrove.

A. J. Benson from Benson Productions Video taped this meeting and Adrian Reyes put the Video on discs with subtitle text that matches my talking points.

This 13 minute video, and a cover letter, on page 5, 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 Washington.

They were mailed to expose what Riverside County is doing to the small community of Highgrove.

For Video: go to: 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 canceled and the next Highgrove MAC meeting won't be until July 29, 2020

33rd Highgrove Day Canceled

The 33rd Highgrove Day breakfast and Car Show scheduled for May 9, 2020 has also been canceled for 2020. To view past Highgrove Day coverage please go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on June of each year between 2009 and 2017. We need 2021 volunteers!

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Such as: The Deputy Sheriff we are paying for but do not have. And the 18 year struggle to get a Metrolink station at Highgrove.

Documentation is available upon request and we welcome anyone who wants to challenge any statements in our paper. Please go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on "Latest Issue" to see articles that go back to July of 2008.

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Letter Sent To Expose Riverside County

Here is a copy of the letter sent along with the videos from page 3

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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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 supplies we have collected.
4. Please provide public information to the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper concerning events or dates that concern Highgrove residents.

Note: The next meeting of the Highgrove MAC will be at 6:30 PM on July 29, 2020 at the Highgrove Library, 530 W. Center Street.

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When is gas too cheap? (Cont. from P. 3)

Unlike most we didn't experience a gas shortage in our home. Dad worked in the industry and gas was available to employees. This wasn't a perk, it was a necessity to get the Gagers 1, Pumpers, Tool Pushers, Rough Necks, Drillers, managers, and executives and those working in Tank Batteries and refineries to work.

Most of these men and woman pushed domestic crude oil to refineries and with the price of oil on the rise, in those days companies operating refineries and those drilling for oil and pumping that crude out of the ground stepped up domestic production.

Today the Middle East oil is being pumped at a greater pace and Russia is also producing record crude oil numbers. Combined, the cheap crude is hitting our markets.

So when is gasoline too cheap? When a barrel of oil (55 gallons to a barrel) falls below \$25 to \$30 per barrel in the U.S. it cost oil companies too much to pump it out of the ground.

The next thing that happens is more layoffs in the oil industry. All those people who work in the industry start getting laid off.

The jobbers, the men and women who bring the gas to your favorite retail stations like Arco AM PM, Chevron, Shell, Texaco, Circle K, Marathon, Kroger, Costco, and Sam's Club are seeing upwards of a 25 to 35 percent drop in sales.

In the last twenty-four months the U.S. and our oil producing states were oil exporters. We had become, with President Trump at the helm, a very successful exporter of oil. That has halted for now and this can destroy exploration, drilling, and production in our entire county.

While some say imported oil and the Coronavirus aren't related to the reduced demands for oil and gasoline, we disagree. China has cut consumption of oil as it shut down their country while combating the coronavirus.

The Russian and Middle Eastern flood of crude oil combine to create a perfect storm in the retail, production, and refinery sectors of the industry. Oil Producing Exporting Countries (OPEC) talks continue without agreement.

With oil futures for May trading at \$3 per barrel our domestic oil industry is really hurting. So when is the price of oil and a gallon of gas too cheap? When it results in our oil and gasoline industry and retailers losing their jobs, homes, and their piece of the American dream.

Tom Freeman

About the Author:

Tom Freeman, a long time personal friend and a Veteran, has held executive posts in both the private sector and government. He has served as Chair of the Workforce Investment Board, White House Rural Task Force, Vice Chair of NACO, Vice Chair of the Private Industry Council, Chair of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, International Airport Commission, Chair of Judicial appointments, and Treasurer of the John f. Kennedy foundation to name a few.

Publishers Note: The author has been a petroleum retailer and is a retired executive and former Vice Chairman of a major gasoline franchisee. A veteran, he has held executive posts in both the public and private sector. His opinion pieces appear on a frequent basis in The Uken Report and we are honored that he is giving the Highgrove Happenings permission to print his articles.

Jennifer Cabrera-Grob (Cont. from P. 2)

My goal as a member of the Highgrove MAC is to become a liaison between the community and county representatives. With the rapid growth in our area, there will be issues that need to be addressed: safety/increase deputy presence, retail options for residents, wildlife preservation (donkeys) and, of course, traffic. I look forward to serving the community.

Coronavirus results in new words being added to our daily language!

Do you know what these words mean?

PPE, COVID-19, N95, Ventilators, Pandemic, Fauci, Birx, Cuomo, Trump, Stay Home, \$Trillion, Drive Through, Toilet Paper, Hydroxychloroquine, W.H.O., CDC, Un-employment, Social Distancing, Newsom, Contact Tracing, Nursing Homes, Mercy, Wash Your Hands, Comfort.

You Can Quote Me

Cynthia Williams, DC

"Always take care of your dog. Even if the world falls apart, she will still be there for you." ~~~ Anonymous

My dog, Holly, doesn't care about the COVID-19 world. Her priorities are pretty clear and consistent. She wants to go for rides and go on walks; she wants her favorite food and as many treats as she can work out of me, and her belly-rubs- lots of ear scratching and loving. She doesn't care if I'm wearing a face mask either. She's charmingly oblivious to the crazed COVID-19 world and I'm so jealous of her innocence.

The weather has finally turned nice and being outside has been a tonic to me. The birds don't care about COVID-19; neither do the bugs, trees, flowers, nor the weeds. The river runs as usual; the wind, clouds, and rain are bringing new life to the beds and fields and life is vigorously going on. This is a lesson for us.

History can teach us how to get past this historic crisis with our minds, morals and bodies intact. During WWII millions of Europeans and their allies endured mind-numbing fear, a staggering, heartbreaking number of murders and deaths, and the deepest and cruel hardships of WWII. Their willingness to sacrifice, "make-do", and their determination to fight the enemy and rise above the terrifying possibility of defeat and death was unparalleled in the last century. The slogans and posters of the era say it all: "Keep Calm and Carry On" "WE CAN DO IT" "Knit Your Bit" "Grow Your Victory Garden".

In this 21st century we are being assaulted by the tiniest of microbe and common sense and our instinct for survival is doing battle with those who's focus is on the economy. It's literally a battle between health and money. It's a No-Win situation. The sacrifices people literally all over the world are having to make because of this disease is history making. The number of people infected is staggering. The number of deaths from this new virus is devastating. The number of people who have fought and recovered continues to be an inspiration. It's inspiring to those fighting the disease, to those who have sick loved ones, and to those who are working and sacrificing on the front lines. I feel highly fortunate to not have been impacted directly by this virus with afflicted family or friends. Everyone has taken intelligent steps to stay home, wearing masks when they go out, following solid medical advice and the recommended sanitizing steps, and avoiding any situation of risk. A lot of us are doing "our bit" by sewing face masks. I've lost track of how many dozens I've sewn; I just know there isn't a scrap of 1/4" of elastic to be found and I used all my spools of black thread and had to stand in line— SIX feet apart— to get more!

I am aware of devastating losses all over our country and the world. The statistics are mind numbing. Tragically, there are heartbreaking loses among the people who put their lives on the front line to protect and nurture our lives: our doctors, nurses, EMTs, grocery store clerks, law enforcement, fire, and rescue. Even postal and delivery workers, bus drivers and fast-food workers are at risk of contracting this virulent virus. These thousands of people are leaving the safety and comfort of their homes, too often without adequate personal protection and most likely for a wage far lower than they deserve, to serve, protect, and nourish everyone. Far too many have died due to COVID-19. They all deserve our greatest respect, admiration, and thanks. Tell them when you see them. Show them the love and care THEY DESERVE.

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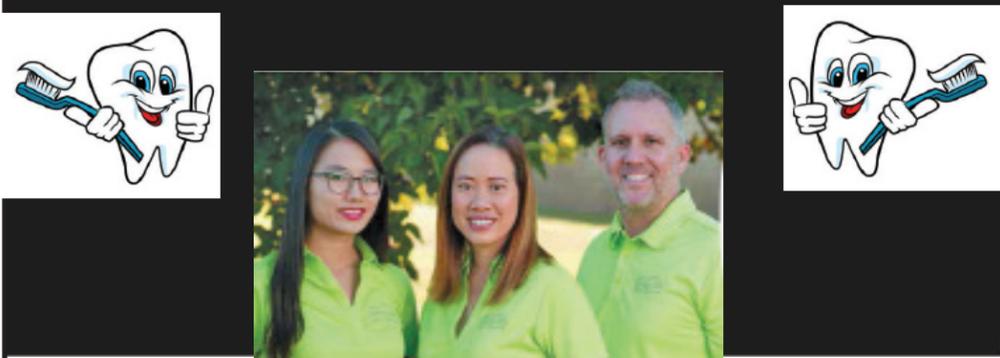
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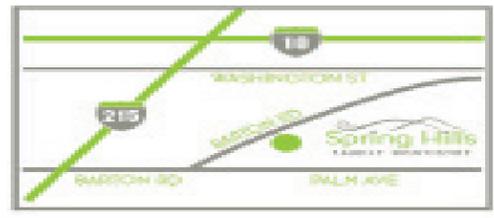
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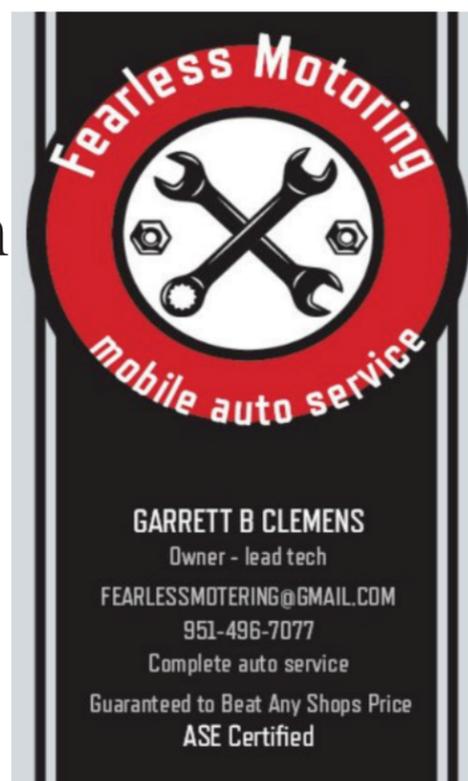
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County Spokeswoman quoted from Press Enterprise article:

On April 20, 2019 the Press Enterprise ran an article titled: **"Residents file suit over service 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 maintenance for more than 7 million square feet of 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 "landscaping" 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!

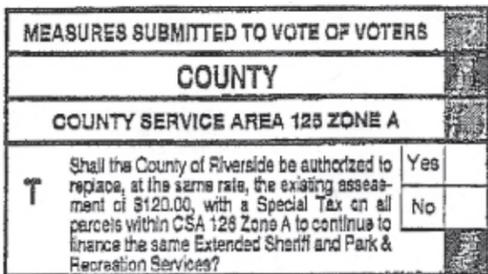


Spring Mountain Ranch

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"



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!

Changes coming to Highgrove Happenings Newspaper

The Highgrove Happenings Newspaper has been bringing you "free" local news to our community and the surrounding area for 25 years but recent developments require that we make some changes and improvements.

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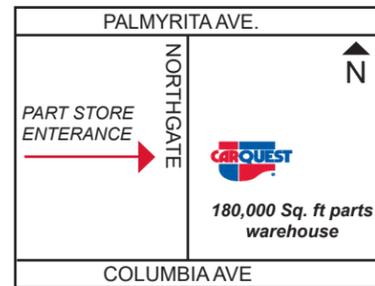
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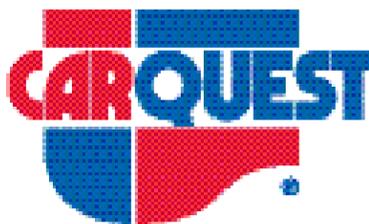
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