

Office of the
City Clerk

May 9, 2011

Dear City of Riverside Voter:

On June 7, 2011, the City of Riverside is conducting an election for the purpose of electing members of the City Council for Wards 1, 3, 5, and 7. All ballots will be cast by mail-in. There will be no polling places.

Postage-paid envelopes are provided for mailed ballot return. Ballots may also be dropped off on any day at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 7th Floor, 3900 Main Street or at the Registrar of Voters Office at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside.

For further voter convenience, one ballot drop-off location within each of the affected Wards will be open on Monday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed materials for sites and hours of operation.

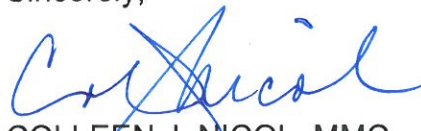
May 23, 2011, is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in this election.

If you have questions, please contact:

- City Clerk's Office at (951) 826-5557; or
- Registrar of Voters at 1-800-773-VOTE (8683) or (951) 486-7200, TTY (951) 697-8966

The City of Riverside and Registrar of Voters are dedicated to serving the voters of the City of Riverside and ensuring the integrity and security of the elections process. We look forward to counting your vote with your participation on or before June 7, 2011.

Sincerely,



COLLEEN J. NICOL, MMC
City Clerk

CITY OF RIVERSIDE MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

JUNE 7, 2011

POLLING PLACES WILL NOT BE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS ELECTION.

The enclosed ballot is your **OFFICIAL BALLOT** for this election.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Your voted ballot must be in the possession of the Registrar of Voters no later than 8:00 p.m. on June 7, 2011. Postmarks are not accepted.

1. Use a black ball point pen. **DO NOT** use felt tip, red or gel ink.
 - a. To vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, connect the head and tail of the arrow to the right of the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote. One line connecting the arrow is preferred.
 - b. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, print the candidate's name in the space provided below the candidates listed for the same office and connect the head and tail of the arrow to the right of the name you have written in. (**Important!** If you do not connect the arrow, your vote will not be counted.)
 - c. This is a "vote for one" contest. Vote for only one candidate for your ballot to be counted.
2. Remove the top stub and place the voted ballot card in the return envelope provided.
 - a. Sign your name and print your address where indicated. **If you fail to sign the envelope your vote cannot be counted;** and
 - b. Seal the envelope.
3. Return your ballot:
 - a. By mail:
 - Voters temporarily residing outside of the territorial limits of the United States must add postage for their current location.
 - b. In Person to:
 - The Registrar of Voters office or the Riverside City Clerk's office during regular business hours and until close of polls on Election Day. For your convenience the Registrar's office has a locked drop box at its entry for ballot drop off 24 hours a day; or
 - Designated ballot drop off locations listed below.
 - c. You may verify that the Registrar of Voters has received your voted ballot by checking the return status online at www.voteinfo.net.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **UNABLE TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT PERSONALLY?** State law allows you to authorize your spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister or a person residing in the same household to return your ballot for you. You and your designated representative must complete the authorization statement on the enclosed return envelope.
- **SPOILED YOUR BALLOT?** Place the ballot card in the enclosed return envelope, place a check mark in the spoiled box on the return envelope and return it to our office. A new ballot will be sent to you if there is sufficient time to do so. If there is not sufficient time to return your ballot and receive another by mail, you may return your ballot personally to the Registrar of Voters office or call for further instructions at (951) 486-7200 or 1-800-773-8683.

Each candidate's statement is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body. The text, grammar, and spelling are as submitted by the authors. Candidate statements represent the views of candidates, and are not endorsed by the County of Riverside. Internet web site addresses included in candidate statements are provided by individual candidates; the County of Riverside, nor the City of Riverside, assumes any liability for the accuracy or content of web sites listed therein.

For a demonstration on marking your ballot visit www.voteinfo.net



City of Arts & Innovation

Municipal Election ■ June 7, 2011

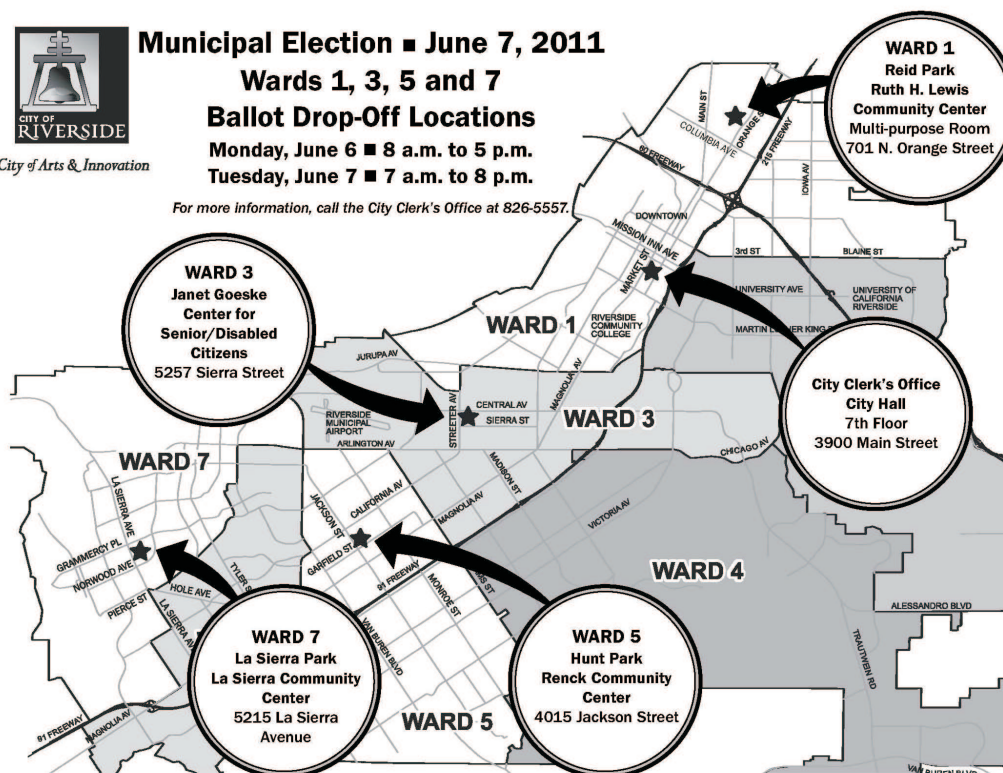
Wards 1, 3, 5 and 7

Ballot Drop-Off Locations

Monday, June 6 ■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7 ■ 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 826-5557.



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 1**

DOM BETRO

OCCUPATION: Public Service Organization Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

This is an economically challenging time of historic proportions, with many of our families and neighbors struggling tremendously. My experience, competence and integrity will continue to restore and reinvigorate this great city.

My visionary and bold leadership will stop the spending of millions of taxpayer dollars on questionable projects, assist homeowners and small business owners suffering economically, fight for the creation of good jobs and economic opportunities for all citizens, provide fiscal and strategic leadership for the post Renaissance and government downsizing era, and insure that City council positions remain public service endeavors and not full time jobs with unnecessary perks at taxpayers expense.

I have proven such capabilities as a social entrepreneur, directing Family Service Association for the past 26 years, and annually increasing services to children, seniors and families, while creating many new jobs.

As your former city councilman I brought the same restless quest for innovation and excellence in public service, most notably via the Renaissance and the restoration of the Fox Theater. By every measure these efforts have been very good for Riverside and strategically planned to be completed. However with hope and vigor, it is now time to act realistically for what is next.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 1**

DVONNE PITRUZZELLO

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: Educator / Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have run a successful business in Riverside. I understand the concept of not spending money you don't have. I will bring these principles to our city. Downtown businesses are suffering. Our city has forced successful businesses to close in order to build new development that now stands empty. The council offsets these revenue losses with hidden fees and parking meters, fees that you and I pay. My pledge to the voters of Ward One is to end wasteful spending and bring back fiscal transparency. That pledge expands to the entire city.

As an educator, I know the value of having three universities and a community college in our city. I will help create new business, and encourage other industries to come to Riverside to utilize the well-trained students and graduates of our city.

Our city, like most in California, has fallen on hard times. This is not the time to have a city council and management that continues on a path of overspending, increasing management salaries, and other misuses, which are ultimately paid by you, the hard working citizens of this city. Your vote for me, assures you a councilperson that will not, "Go along, to get along."

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 1**

MARISA VALDEZ YEAGER

AGE: 37

OCCUPATION: Transportation Policy Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a proud Riverside native. I grew up in the Wood Streets, attended local public schools, and now own a home here. I see economic distress eroding our quality of life, as neighborhoods languish, bringing blight and crime. Meanwhile, shortsighted development decisions enrich some at the expense of the public good. As your next councilperson, I will have three priorities:

Jobs: Unemployment remains near record highs. I will bring stable, middle class jobs back to Riverside, and grow a strong, diversified economy.

Quality of Life: I will put Riverside's public interest first. I will restore safe, middle class neighborhoods, and repair decaying infrastructure.

Accountability: I will hold city management accountable, and ensure sound financial planning and transparency in conducting public business.

I hold a bachelor's degree in political science from UC Santa Barbara, and a master's degree in public policy and administration from Cal State, Long Beach. I am a transportation policy manager at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

With 16 years' experience working on federal, state, and local policy issues, I know we can improve city governance. I respectfully ask for your vote. Together, we can work for a brighter future.

Thank you,

Marisa
951-453-9686
www.MarisaForCouncil.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 1**

MIKE GARDNER

AGE: 63

OCCUPATION: Ward 1 Councilmember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I've worked hard to represent you well. I'm proud that we have maintained a balanced budget and a healthy reserve during these tough economic times. Most of our neighboring cities are not so fortunate.

I ran for office to make government more accessible and responsible. I led the effort to make the Code of Ethics apply at all times. I've built a reputation for being accessible and responsive. I didn't accept a City car and I do not abuse the powers of the office. I kept my promise to return the Market Street frontage of Fairmount Park, and to stop proposed development there.

Riverside made immense strides in improving our parks, roads, community centers and utility systems, and provided thousands of local jobs doing so. Now we must focus on permanent high quality jobs so our young adults don't have to leave to find work. Riverside is uniquely poised to attract high tech and clean manufacturing jobs because we are a desirable city with low utility rates and available space. This is our future; we must seize it now.

Please call 897-8660 if you have questions. I return calls within 24 hours.

I would be honored to have your vote.