

Office of the  
City Clerk

City of Arts & Innovation

April 12, 2021

Dear City of Riverside Voter:

On June 8, 2021, the City of Riverside is conducting an all-mail ballot election for the purpose of electing members of the City Council for Wards 2, 4, and 6. Please see attached map for specific ward locations. All ballots will be cast by mail-in only. Postage-paid envelopes are provided for returning the completed ballot. Ballots may also be dropped off at the City Clerk's Office or the Registrar of Voters Office during regular business hours.

- City of Riverside, City Clerk's Office  
3900 Main Street  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday  
(951) 826-5557
- Registrar of Voters Office  
2720 Gateway Drive  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday  
1-800-773-VOTE (8683) or (951) 486-7200

For voter convenience, ballot drop-off locations throughout the city will be open Monday, June 7 and Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Please refer to the enclosed materials for sites and hours of operation. Ballots **must be received** by the Registrar of Voters by close of polls on Election Day or be postmarked on or before June 8, 2021 **and** received by the Registrar of Voters by June 11, 2021 for the ballot to be counted.

**All voters are encouraged to vote early.** The last day to register to vote to participate in this election is May 24, 2021. If you have questions, please contact either the City Clerk's Office or Registrar of Voters at numbers provided above.

The City of Riverside and Registrar of Voters are dedicated to serving the voters of Riverside ensuring integrity and security of the elections process. We look forward to counting your vote!

Sincerely,

DONESIA GAUSE, MMC  
City Clerk



# CITY OF RIVERSIDE MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

JUNE 8, 2021

## 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 office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than three days after Election Day to be counted.

1. Use a black ink pen or marker. **DO NOT use red ink.**
  - a. To vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, completely fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.
  - 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 completely fill in the oval next to the name you have written in. (**Important!** If you do not completely fill in the oval, your vote will not be counted.)
  - c. Completely filling in the oval is preferred. Vote for no more than the number of votes allowed in each contest (e.g. vote for one, vote for no more than two, etc.).
2. Remove the top stub and place the voted ballot card in the return envelope provided. Please keep the ballot folded the same way as you received it.
  - 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:
    - A postage-paid envelope is provided to conveniently return your ballot by mail. Voters residing outside of the territorial limits of the United States must add postage appropriate 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 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Since this is a mail ballot election, there are **no established polling places**. For your convenience the Registrar's office has a locked drop box at its entry for ballot drop off 24 hours a day.
    - The Voter Assistance Center located at Blindness Support Services, Inc. 3696 Beatty Dr. #A, Riverside, CA 92506 on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
    - 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](http://www.voteinfo.net).

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **UNABLE TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT PERSONALLY?** State law allows you to authorize any individual to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot, as long as the authorized person does not receive any form of compensation based on the number of ballots returned. Have your designated representative 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 (800) 773-8683.
- **ACCESSIBLE VOTING UNIT.** An Accessible Voting Unit is available at the Registrar of Voters office and the Voter Assistance Center.
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE.** The registration deadline to vote for this election is May 24, 2021.

Each candidate's statement is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate. Statements made on the following pages represent the views of authors and are not endorsed by the City of Riverside or the County of Riverside. Internet website addresses included in any statements are provided by the authors. Neither the County of Riverside nor the City of Riverside assume liability for the accuracy or content of websites listed therein. The text, grammar, and spelling are as submitted by the authors.

For a demonstration on marking your ballot visit [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net).



## Municipal Election • June 8, 2021

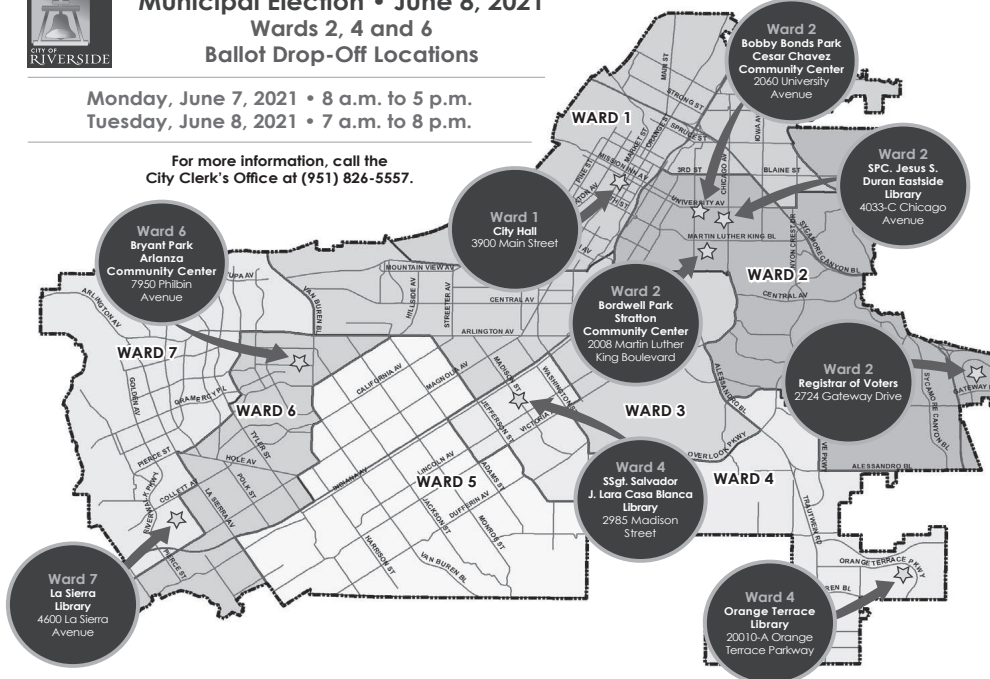
Wards 2, 4 and 6

### Balloon Drop-Off Locations

Monday, June 7, 2021 • 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 • 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

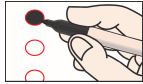
For more information, call the  
City Clerk's Office at (951) 826-5557.



# OFFICIAL BALLOT / BOLETA OFICIAL

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE MAIL BALLOT ELECTION  
ELECCIÓN DE BOLETA POR CORREO DE LA CIUDAD DE RIVERSIDE  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY / CONDADO DE RIVERSIDE  
JUNE 8, 2021 / 8 DE JUNIO DE 2021



**Instructions to Voters:** To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like the example to the left. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the person's name in the write-in space and fill in the oval. Use a black ink pen or marker to mark your ballot. DO NOT USE RED INK.



**Instrucciones a los Votantes:** Para votar, completamente rellene el óvalo a la izquierda de su deseo, como el ejemplo a la izquierda. Para votar por un candidato calificado por escrito, escriba el nombre de la persona en el espacio por escrito y rellene el óvalo. Use un bolígrafo o marcador de tinta negra para marcar su boleta. NO USE TINTA ROJA.

## NONPARTISAN OFFICES CARGOS NO PARTIDARIOS

### CITY CIUDAD

### CITY OF RIVERSIDE CIUDAD DE RIVERSIDE

#### Member, City Council, Ward 2 Miembro, Concejo Municipal, Distrito 2 Vote for One / Vote por Uno

☐ **CLARISSA CERVANTES**  
Businesswoman / Researcher / Parent  
Empresaria / Investigadora / Padre

☐ **JOSE "TONY" HUERTA**  
Educator / Athletics Coach  
Educador / Entrenador Atlético

☐ **AUSTIN D. SKIPPER**  
Consultant  
Consultor

☐ **ARAM AYRA**  
Non-Profit Director  
Director Organización Sin Fines de Lucro

☐ **JOE PAREDES**  
Business Owner  
Propietario de Empresa

☐ **ANTHONY TYSON**  
Realtor  
Agente de Bienes Raíces

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,  
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 2**

**CLARISSA CERVANTES**

**OCCUPATION:** Businesswoman / Researcher / Parent  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Dear Neighbor,

I am running for City Council to help Riverside navigate the unprecedented public health and economic challenges we face and ensure that our communities build back safely and stronger than before.

As your City Councilmember, I will work to:

Help Riverside businesses recover and restore lost jobs.

Use science and facts to protect public health.

Ensure safe neighborhoods and fast 911-response times.

Tackle the root causes of the homelessness crisis.

Responsibly manage our budget and tax dollars.

Improve the services that maintain our streets and neighborhoods.

I am a local businesswoman, mother, and longtime community leader. I previously worked as a Legislative Field Representative for our Ward 2 City Councilmember and served as Chair for the Riverside Transit Agency's Greater Riverside Transportation NOW Chapter.

I have earned the endorsements of State Assemblymembers Jose Medina and Sabrina Cervantes, our outgoing Riverside City Councilmember Andy Melendrez, and dozens of community and neighborhood leaders throughout the city. I am also endorsed by groups representing Riverside nurses and grocery workers.

You can visit [www.ClarissaCervantes.com](http://www.ClarissaCervantes.com) to learn more or call me directly at (951) 394-0443 with questions or ideas to improve Riverside.

I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Clarissa Cervantes

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,  
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 2**

**ARAM AYRA**

**OCCUPATION:** Health Educator  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

People don't get to choose where they are born, but they do get to choose where they live. I chose to live in Riverside after graduating from UC Riverside, because I see the potential that this great city has. As Human Relations Commissioner & Director of Riverside Mutual Aid Network, I have a proven record of delivering results for Riverside. My community involvement includes: securing \$40,000 for our local education systems, helping establish Riverside's Little Free Pantries, and passing legislation to improve local public health infrastructure.

Working on Riverside County's COVID-response team, I have seen the effects of the pandemic on our essential workers, small businesses, and vulnerable communities. Families are going hungry, frontline staff lack hazard pay, and small businesses are struggling while corporate chains collect record profits. It's time we prioritized our communities, that's why I'm running a grassroots-funded campaign.

As Ward 2's representative, my top priorities include: ensuring equitable distribution of COVID-19 resources, securing Hero Pay for frontline workers, post-COVID local economic recovery that prioritizes small business, and developing a budget stabilization plan that protects City employees, services, and fiscal health.

I would be honored to earn your vote on June 8<sup>th</sup>. [www.ayra4riverside.com](http://www.ayra4riverside.com).

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,  
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 2**

**JOE PAREDES**

**AGE: 36**

**OCCUPATION:** Business Owner  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am running for Riverside City Council to be a voice for all residents. I will be accessible, responsive, and committed to address your needs.

As your councilman, I will protect and enhance our parks and neighborhoods. We must stabilize University Avenue by addressing homelessness and crime and providing businesses, including the new Air Resources Board and UCR Medical School, with an environment in which they can flourish to generate jobs for our residents.

Growing up, I watched my father Mark Paredes coach football at North High School and eventually played under his leadership on the CIF Championship team. North High School provided me with a quality education and allowed me to meet my future wife, Mariselle Mendoza.

We proudly raise our children in Ward 2, in the same community where we were raised. I will ensure that all residents have the same opportunity that Riverside has offered us.

Over the last 10 years, I've established a career in the commercial real estate industry and worked diligently to build a reputable and productive business. I have been proud to introduce businesses to Riverside.

We must put people before politics. I respectfully ask for your vote. Please contact me at (951) 466-1846 or [joeparedes.com](http://joeparedes.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,  
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, WARD 2**

**ANTHONY TYSON**

**AGE: 49**

**OCCUPATION:** Realtor  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

My name is Anthony Tyson. I am asking for your support to renew Riverside's commitment to its WARD 2 citizens. I am relentless advocate for WARD 2 and fight to preserve our quality of life while leading us to a better future.

My Father is a former police officer and he taught me the importance of community service. Understanding the diversity of our community was part of my upbringing, which I believe will help me to best represent the hard working families in our area.

As a proud JW North alum and an Eleanor Jean Grier Leadership graduate, I have worked in Real Estate for over 30 years. I will apply my education and experience in to make sound City Council decisions and will focus on:

Funding that increases public safety.

Job creation through economic development.

Supporting local businesses.

Increasing opportunities to engage our youth.

As a life long resident of Riverside, 40 years in WARD 2, I will do my utmost to represent its unique qualities. As your Councilman, I will always strive to make it, attractive, and prosperous. Together we can build and sustain a stronger community.



## **Conditional Voter Registration**

Did you forget to register or update your voter registration? No Problem! You can register to vote and vote until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at the Registrar of Voters office, voter assistance center, or any ballot drop off location. This process is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) and is commonly referred to as Same Day Voter Registration. Here's how it works:

1. Visit the Registrar of Voters office, voter assistance center, or ballot drop-off location.
2. Complete a voter registration card or register online at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov).
3. Vote your ballot.
4. Once the Registrar of Voters processes your registration and determines you are eligible, you will be registered to vote and your ballot will be counted.

To learn more about Conditional Voter Registration, visit [vote.ca.gov](https://vote.ca.gov).

If you have questions regarding Conditional Voter Registration, please call (951) 486-7200 or toll free (800) 773-VOTE (8683).

You may check the status of your voter registration at [www.voteinfo.net/AmIRegistered](https://www.voteinfo.net/AmIRegistered).



## **California Motor Voter**

The California Motor Voter program is making registering to vote at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) more convenient and secure. All eligible individuals completing driver's license or ID card or change of address transactions at the DMV will be registered to vote with the California Secretary of State unless they "opt out" of automatic voter registration.

The California Motor Voter program applies to Californians who are 18 years or older and meet the following criteria:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California.
- Not currently in state or federal prison for the conviction of a felony.
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

Note: Voter pre-registration is available for those 16 and 17 years of age. Their voter registration will become active automatically when they turn 18.

Before visiting a DMV field office, we recommend making an appointment. Visit <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/portal/foa/welcome> to get started. You can also use DMV online services (<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/dmv/onlinesvcs>) to renew your driver's license or ID card or change your address.

If you indicate you're eligible to vote, once you complete your driver's license or state ID renewal form transaction online, by mail or in person at the DMV, your voter information is then transmitted securely and electronically to the California Secretary of State.

Please note that drivers with an AB 60 driver's license are not eligible to participate in the California Motor Voter program and are not eligible to vote.

For more information, visit [MotorVoter.sos.ca.gov](https://MotorVoter.sos.ca.gov).

To register to vote online, visit [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov).





## **Language Services**

The County of Riverside is making voting easier in 2021!

Some locations will have translated sample ballots available for select precincts that can be used as a reference tool when voting.

You may also request one by calling (800) 733-VOTE (8683), or by visiting [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net). Requests must be received no later than 7 days before the election.

## **Servicios de Idiomas**

¡El Condado de Riverside hace que votar sea más fácil en 2021!

Algunas ubicaciones tendrán boletas de muestra traducidas que estarán disponibles en recintos electorales seleccionados que se podrán usar como una herramienta de referencia al votar.

También puede pedir una llamando al (800) 733-VOTE (8683) o si visita [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net). Las solicitudes deben recibirse a más tardar 7 días antes de la elección.

## **語言服務**

河邊縣在 2021 年簡化了投票流程!

有些地方會翻譯選票範例，讓特定選區用來作為投票時的參考工具。

您也可以透過撥打 (800) 733-VOTE (8683) 或造訪 [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net) 索取一份範例。我們接收索取要求的期限至選前 7 天為止。

## **Dịch Vụ Ngôn Ngữ**

Quận Riverside đang nỗ lực để việc bỏ phiếu trở nên dễ dàng hơn vào năm 2021!

Một số địa điểm sẽ dịch sẵn lá phiếu mẫu cho các phân khu bầu cử được chọn, cử tri có thể sử dụng làm công cụ tham khảo khi bỏ phiếu.

Quý vị cũng có thể yêu cầu nhận một lá phiếu mẫu đã dịch sẵn bằng cách gọi điện đến số (800) 733-VOTE (8683) hoặc truy cập [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net). Quý vị phải gửi yêu cầu trước ngày bầu cử ít nhất 7 ngày.

## **언어 서비스**

Riverside 카운티는 2021 년 투표를 용이하게 합니다!

번역된 견본 투표용지가 선정된 선거구의 일부 투표소에 구비되어 투표 시 참조 도구로 사용할 수 있게 됩니다.

(800) 733-VOTE (8683) 으로 전화, 또는 [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net) 을 방문하여 요청할 수도 있습니다.요청은 선거 7 일 전까지 접수되어야만 합니다.