

## **All Riverside County Mayors Endorse Mayor Ben J. Benoit for Auditor-Controller**

### *Benoit Receives Endorsements from All 28 Mayors in Riverside County*

Riverside County, California (February 09, 2022) – Today, Mayor Ben J. Benoit announced he has received endorsements from every mayor in Riverside County's 28 cities. Receiving endorsements from every mayor in Riverside County and all five members of the Board of Supervisors is unprecedented for a candidate challenging an incumbent in a countywide position.

"I'm proud to endorse Ben Benoit for Auditor-Controller because he's committed to improving Riverside County," said Riverside Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson. "On regional issues, he works hard to ensure transparency and inclusion in the decision-making process. Ben is a consensus-builder who serves the people of Riverside County with passion and integrity."

"I strongly endorse Ben Benoit for Auditor-Controller," said Temecula Mayor Matt Rahn. "Ben is a proven, trusted leader who works tirelessly to improve the lives of his constituents. An advocate for taxpayers, small businesses, and families, Ben will bring much-needed accountability to the office of Auditor-Controller."

"Ben understands that each city in Riverside County has unique challenges and opportunities," said Coachella Mayor Steven Hernandez. "He works hard to build consensus and implement solutions to move Riverside County forward. I'm endorsing Ben Benoit because he has a proven record of delivering results, and I know he will make a positive impact in Riverside County through the Auditor-Controller's office."

"Receiving endorsements from every mayor in Riverside County is unprecedented, I believe it's the first time this has happened in our County and I'm truly honored by this historic level of trust and confidence," said Benoit. "The overwhelming support I've received on the campaign trail is a clear indication that we need to make a change in the Auditor-Controller's office. As a local mayor and businessman, I understand what it takes to balance a budget and advocate for residents and businesses. I will implement reforms and promote transparency, accountability, and accessibility as Riverside County's Auditor-Controller."

Ben J. Benoit is a mayor, businessman, and auditor. Ben was elected to the Wildomar City Council in 2010 and he is currently serving his fourth term as mayor. Ben was unanimously elected to serve as the representative for Riverside County on the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He is the Vice-President of Public Affairs for the California Apartment Association where he advocates for housing policies at the local and regional levels. He also serves as an auditor for the Inland Empire Taxpayers Association. Ben has been a resident of Riverside County for over 33 years. His passion for public service was inspired by his late father, former State Senator and Riverside County Supervisor John J. Benoit.

The Riverside County Auditor-Controller is an independent, nonpartisan elected office established to provide accounting, audit, payroll, and property tax administration services to County government, cities, K-12 schools and special districts. The Auditor-Controller is the chief accounting and disbursement officer of the County. The office oversees the County's payroll for over 20,000 employees and an annual budget of nearly \$7 billion. The Primary Election will take place on June 7, 2022.