

Mayor Ben J. Benoit Launches Campaign for Riverside County Auditor-Controller

Benoit announces endorsements from all five members of the Board of Supervisors

Riverside County, California (January 11, 2022) – Mayor Ben J. Benoit announced today that he will seek the office of Riverside County Auditor-Controller in the June 7, 2022 Primary Election. Mayor Benoit launched his campaign with endorsements from all five members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

“I strongly endorse Mayor Ben Benoit for Auditor-Controller,” said Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. “I’ve worked with Ben on regional issues, and he is a consensus builder who cares about the people of Riverside County. He understands the challenges we face and I’m confident he will bring compassion, integrity, and transparency to the office of Auditor-Controller.”

“Mayor Ben Benoit is an effective leader with a proven track record of delivering results for his constituents,” said Supervisor Kevin Jeffries. “I proudly endorse Ben Benoit for Auditor-Controller because he is a local Mayor and businessman who will be a strong advocate for taxpayers in Riverside County.”

“I’m launching my campaign to restore accountability and transparency in the office of Auditor-Controller,” said Benoit. “Our current Auditor-Controller has cost taxpayers over \$435,000 in legal fees to settle retaliation and workplace harassment claims against him. He also wastes tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars on lavish trips all over the country. We need to end the culture of waste and abuse that plagues the Auditor-Controller’s office and institute reforms to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.”

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. Having served on several regional boards and committees, 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 25 years. His passion for public service was inspired by his father, former State Senator and Riverside County Supervisor John J. Benoit.

“Protecting Riverside County’s quality of life and advocating for taxpayers will be my main priorities as Auditor-Controller,” Mayor Benoit said.

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-14 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.

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