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Public Safety Endorses Mayor Ben J. Benoit for Auditor-Controller

Benoit Receives Endorsements from Sheriff Bianco, DA Hestrin, and Riverside County Sheriffs' Association

Riverside County, California (April 7, 2022) – Today, Mayor Ben J. Benoit announced he has received endorsements from Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, District Attorney Mike Hestrin, and the Riverside County Sheriffs' Association (RSA).

"I am proud to endorse Ben Benoit for Auditor-Controller," said Bianco. "As a local Mayor, Ben understands the challenges we face in keeping our communities safe. He is a strong supporter of law enforcement and he will advocate for more funding for public safety."

"Ben is the public safety candidate for Auditor-Controller," said Hestrin. "Ben will safeguard our County tax dollars ensuring we don't waste resources on frivolous spending that could be better spent on protecting the public's safety. He will bring much-needed oversight and accountability to the Auditor-Controller's office - I strongly support his campaign."

"I'm honored to receive endorsements from our public safety community," said Benoit. "I'm a strong supporter of public safety and I will advocate for more funding for the men and women that keep us safe and uphold the rule of law. The tens of thousands of dollars that are wasted in the Auditor-Controller's office could be reallocated to funding public safety officers and initiatives. It's time to end the waste and abuse of taxpayer funds from our current Auditor-Controller and put those dollars to good use."

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.

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