

Mayor Ben J. Benoit is Qualified to Serve as Auditor-Controller

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Riverside County, California (April 28, 2022) – Mayor Ben J. Benoit is qualified to serve as Riverside County’s Auditor-Controller. Ben has experience as an Auditor, Mayor, and Businessman. Ben’s auditing experience includes:

- Inland Empire Taxpayers Association - Auditor
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) - Audit Committee – Vice Chair
- Western Regional Council of Governments (WRCOG) - Admin and Finance Committee & Ad-Hoc Audit RFP Group
- South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) - Admin Committee – interview and select the internal and external Auditors
- Wildomar’s Finance Subcommittee
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) - Budget and Implementation Committee

As a local Mayor, Ben has experience balancing budgets and protecting taxpayer dollars. Ben is responsible for approving city and regional bodies’ auditing contracts and reviewing auditing reports when they are returned. He’s also a former business owner who understands how difficult the business climate can be in California. Ben will be a strong advocate for taxpayers and businesses as Riverside County’s next Auditor-Controller.

“I’m running to restore accountability and transparency in the office of Auditor-Controller,” said Benoit. “I’ve seen the expense reports and legal challenges coming out of the Auditor-Controller’s office firsthand and it’s truly appalling. Our current Auditor-Controller has cost taxpayers over \$435,000 and counting to settle retaliation and wrongful termination claims against him. He also wastes tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars on perks and lavish trips all over the country. I plan to implement reforms to provide transparency and establish ethical leadership to reign in the out-of-control spending.”

Benoit went on to say, “I want to create a positive, collaborative work environment in the Auditor-Controller’s office, and then work with all the County departments to help make them the best they can be. The Auditor-Controller’s office should be a champion of making sure the various County departments are responsive to constituents’ needs and responsible with their precious County resources. I know our County employees can do better when we take the time to listen to them and advocate for their needs. Sometimes those transformative changes need someone from outside of individual departments to make those suggestions and share what’s been successful from one department to another.”

Ben J. Benoit 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.

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