

May 12, 2026

6:00pm

# Deaf Community Town Hall



Deaf Community of Riverside

~program~



**Appreciation**

~Team

~Villegas Park

**Parks, Recreation and Community**

**Housekeeping**

~Exit

~Evacuation

~Restrooms

**Panera**

**Deaf Community of Riverside**  
**Commission of the Deaf**

~ Thank you

**Constituents**

**QR**

**Closing**

# Quick Trivia:

- ➔ *When was the City of Riverside incorporated?*
- ➔ *How many Hearing difficulties in Inland Empire?*
- ➔ *When was School for the Deaf established?*
- ➔ *What year did Model Deaf Community established? by which Mayor?*
- ➔ *How many Deaf Organizations/Services in Riverside alone?*

# Deaf Community of Riverside

***Board Members/staff***



***and Volunteers.....***

# DEAF COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE

*What have we been doing lately?*



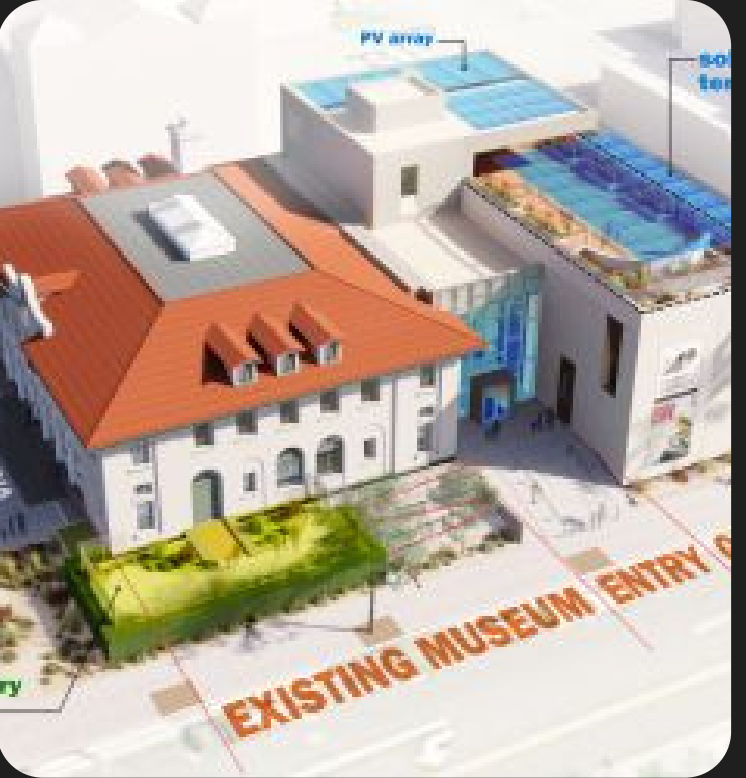
*Riverside Art Museum*



*Riverside City Hall*



*Riverside Library*



*Museum of Riverside*



*Riverside PRCs*

# DEAF COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE

*What have we been doing lately?*



**Riverside PRCS**

## *Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services*

- *Supports the after school programs*
  - *Sports*
  - *Collaborates with School for the Deaf sports*
- *Explorer Magazine*
  - *DeaFestival*
  - *many activities*
- *ASL Classes*
  - *Open to Community*
- *Invites Deaf community to learn about new projects*
  - *Fairmount Park*
  - *Northside (Reid Park)*
- *Summer Concerts*

# DEAF COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE

*What have we been doing lately?*



**Riverside Library**

## *Riverside Public Library*

- *Collaboration for Deaf Awareness Month program*
- *Past collaboration for ASL Town programs in the Main Library Community Room*
- *Spotlight on services available to all library customers:*
  - *Zip Books program*
  - *Library Study Rooms*  
*(reservation required, limited to 2 hours per day per group)*
- *eBook and streaming content available on Libby, Hoopla, Palace Project, and more!*

# DEAF COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE

*What have we been doing lately?*

## *Riverside City Hall*

- *Commission of the Deaf established 2023*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm in City Hall Council Chamber*

*In the works:*

*ASL videos in city's website about COTD*

*ASL Logo (interpreter/signers) for City's media*

*Change to Deaf Commission*



*Riverside City Hall*

*311 Call Center*

*Today's Technology for communication access*

*Future hiring*

*Housing for Homelessness/Low Income*

*RiversideTV Spotlight with Mayor Loveridge*

**\*\* You can check agenda, read Minutes, and watch livestream**

# DEAF COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE

*What have we been doing lately?*



*Riverside Art Museum*

## *Riverside Art Museum* *Cheech Marin for Chicano Art & Culture Museum*

- *Created few QR code for ASL signing on few long-term Art displays.*
- *Collected/loaned FOUR arts by local Deaf Artists (display during September)*
- *Special group tour with ASL Interpreter*
- *Long term planning- upgrade ASL QR for specific art work on display*
- *Hosted art activities for children at no costs...*

# DEAF COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE

*What have we been doing lately?*



**Museum of Riverside**

## *Museum of Riverside*

- *Deaf Community group: feedbacks with new construction*
- *Construction possible completed in mid-2027*
- *Special Projects: Dr. Bowling about Socio-immigration*
  - *Deaf Community*
  - *Visited CSDR's Museum*
  - *Documentary*
  - *Data*
- *Future Technology: accessible to all*

# DEAF COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE

*What have we been doing lately?*

## *Deaf Community Mural in Riverside*

- *Special Project:*

*Team of Five Deaf Artists with local consultant*

*One POSSIBILITY Location:*

*Riverside City College Parking Structure  
University Avenue*



# Leticia Castillo

**California State Assembly 58<sup>th</sup> district**

Leticia Castillo (born April 27, 1971) is an American psychotherapist and politician serving as a member of the California State Assembly. She is a Republican representing the 58th district, encompassing parts of Riverside County and San Bernardino County. The district includes the cities of Jurupa Valley, Corona, Eastvale, Riverside, and Grand Terrace. Prior to her election, she was a psychotherapist in private practice.

- Involves with Deaf Community in Riverside
- Attended Annual DeaFestival
- (Deaf Awareness Month)

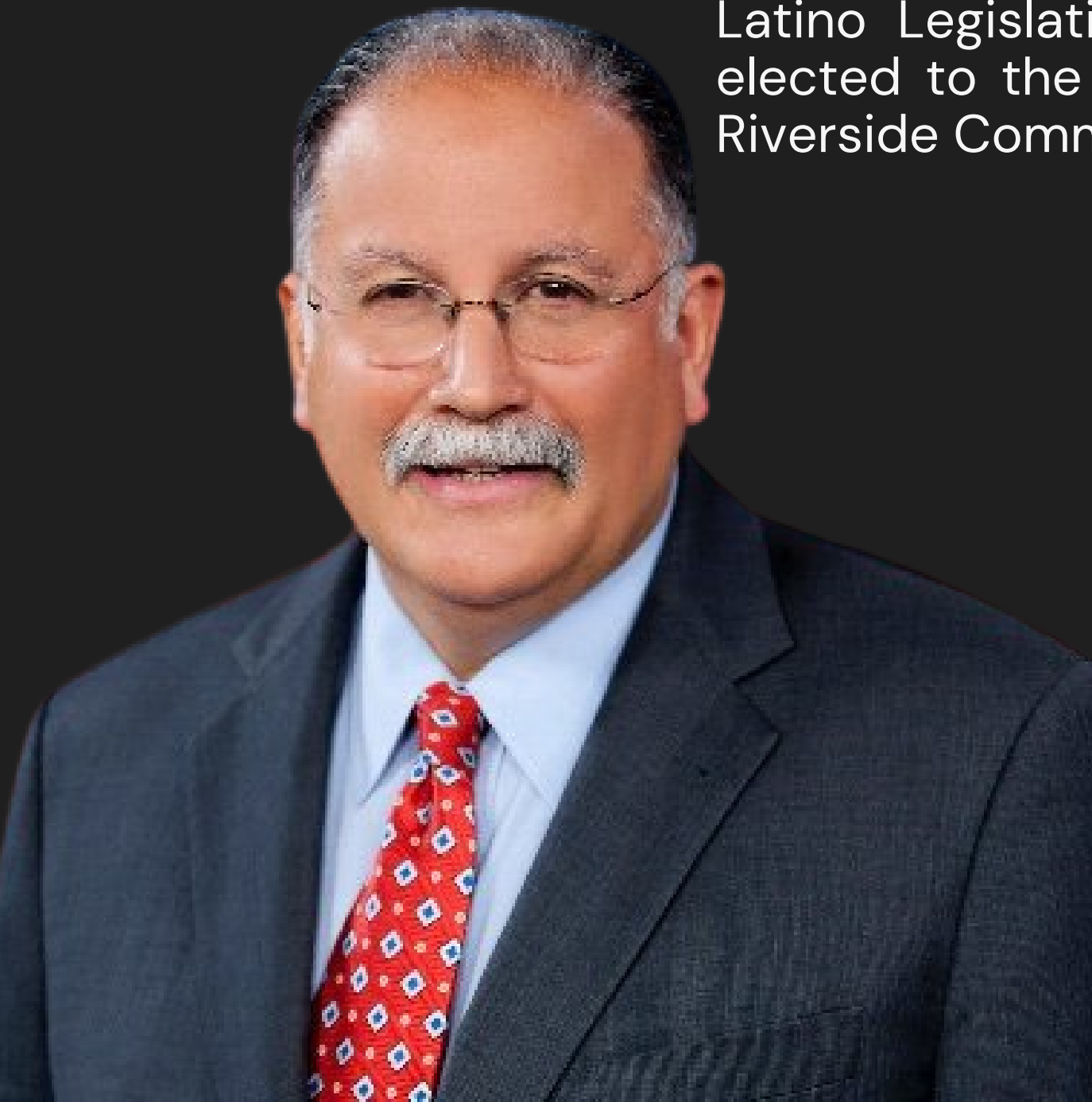


# Jose Medina

## Riverside County Board of Supervisors for the 1st district

Jose Medina is American educator and politician who served in the California State Assembly. He is a Democrat who represented the 61st Assembly District, which encompassed parts of northwestern Riverside County and includes the cities of Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris and Mead Valley.

Medina was the Chair of the Higher Education Committee and a member of the California Latino Legislative Caucus and the California Legislative Jewish Caucus. Prior to being elected to the Assembly in 2012, he was a teacher at Riverside Poly High School and a Riverside Community College District Trustee.



- Involves with Deaf Community in Riverside
- Supports Public Safety for Deaf communities
- Supports Deaf Education at University of California Riverside
- Will have a “sign name” for him in September
- (Deaf Awareness Month)

# Mark Takano

US Congressman- 39<sup>th</sup> district



Takano was born in 1960 in Riverside, California. His family was relocated and interned from California to a "War Relocation Camp" during World War II. He is Sansei, that is, the grandson of people born in Japan who immigrated to the United States. He attended La Sierra High School in the Alvord Unified School District, where he graduated as class valedictorian. In high school, he also participated in the Junior State of America, a national student-run organization centered around debate and civic engagement in young people, and was elected lieutenant governor of the Southern California State. He graduated from Harvard University with a B.A. in government in 1983 and from the University of California, Riverside with an MFA in creative writing for the performing arts in 2010.

Takano taught British literature in public schools for 23 years. He was a member of the Republican Party through college, then he became a member of the Democratic Party. In 1990 he was elected to the Riverside Community College Board of Trustees. While on the board, he shepherded a measure that gave college employees domestic partner benefits.

- Involves with Deaf Community in Riverside
- Advocates and propose Deaf census, possible 2030 or 2040
- Supports Deaf Education at University of California Riverside
- Will have a "sign name" for him in September
- (Deaf Awareness Month)

# Sabrina Cervantes

## California State Senator, 31st District

Sabrina Cervantes was elected in 2024 to represent California's 31st Senate District after previously serving in the Assembly since 2016. She currently serves as Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Vice Chair of the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus, and previously served as Chair of the California Latino Legislative Caucus. To date, she has had 57 bills signed into law and secured more than \$650 million in state investments benefiting Inland Empire communities.

### **Senate Bill (SB) 1381 – CDE/School for the Deaf Notification**

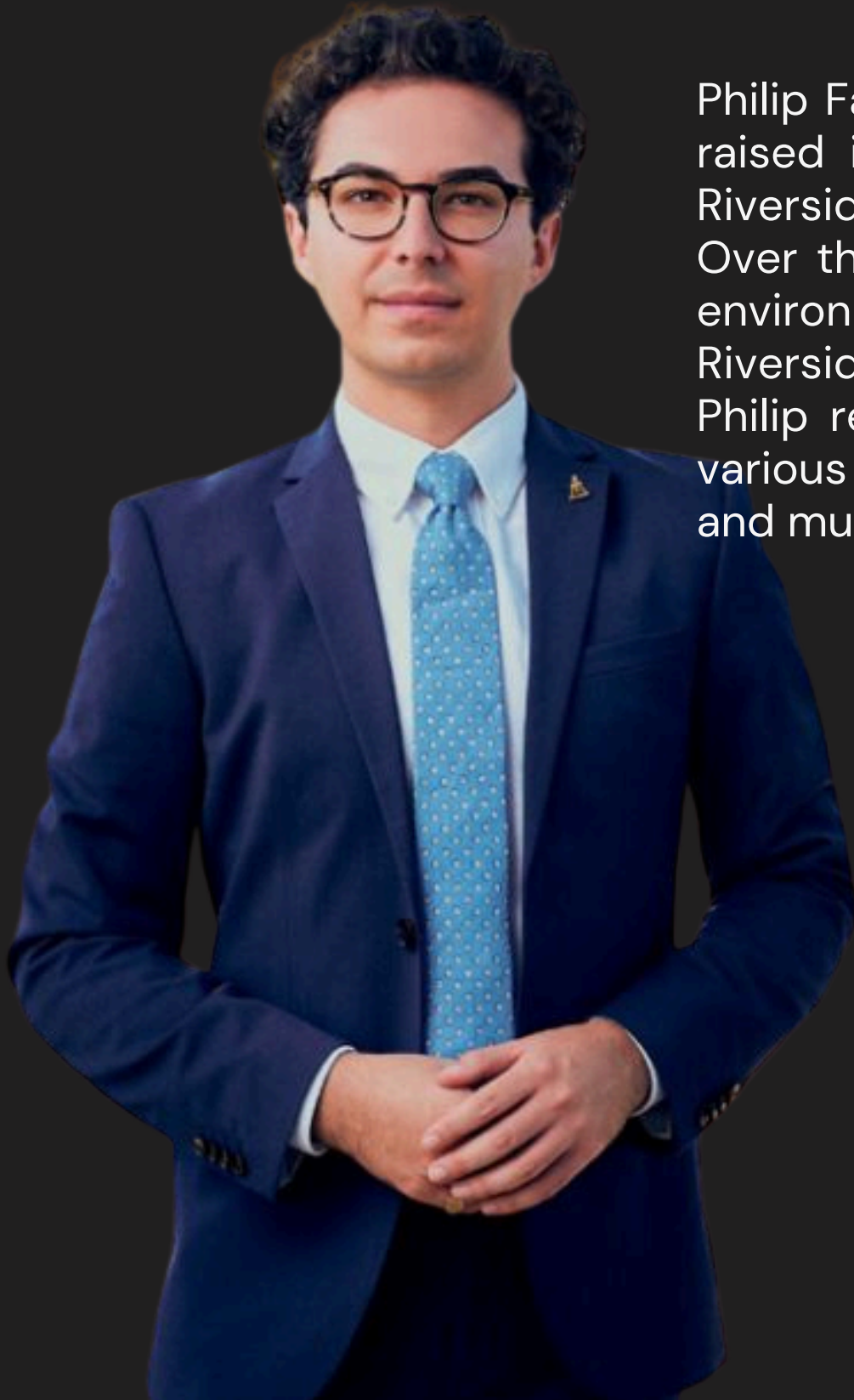
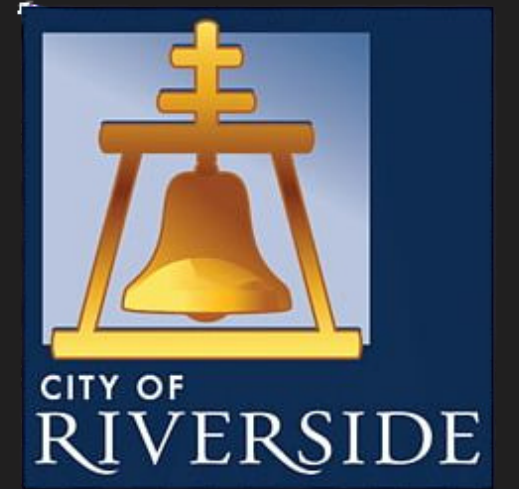
Establishes consistent, statewide requirements to ensure families are informed of State Special School options. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires that annual parent notifications include information about the option to attend the California School for the Deaf or School for the Blind.
- Requires Local Educational Agencies provide information about the California School for the Deaf when developing, reviewing, or revising an Individualized Education Program for a pupil who is deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind.



# Philip Falcone

City of Riverside  
Ward 1: Councilmember



Philip Falcone was sworn into office to represent Riverside's first ward on April 9, 2024. Philip is a New Orleans native, raised in Riverside and attended Riverside schools including Notre Dame High School, Riverside City College, UC Riverside, and obtained a Master's degree from California Baptist University.

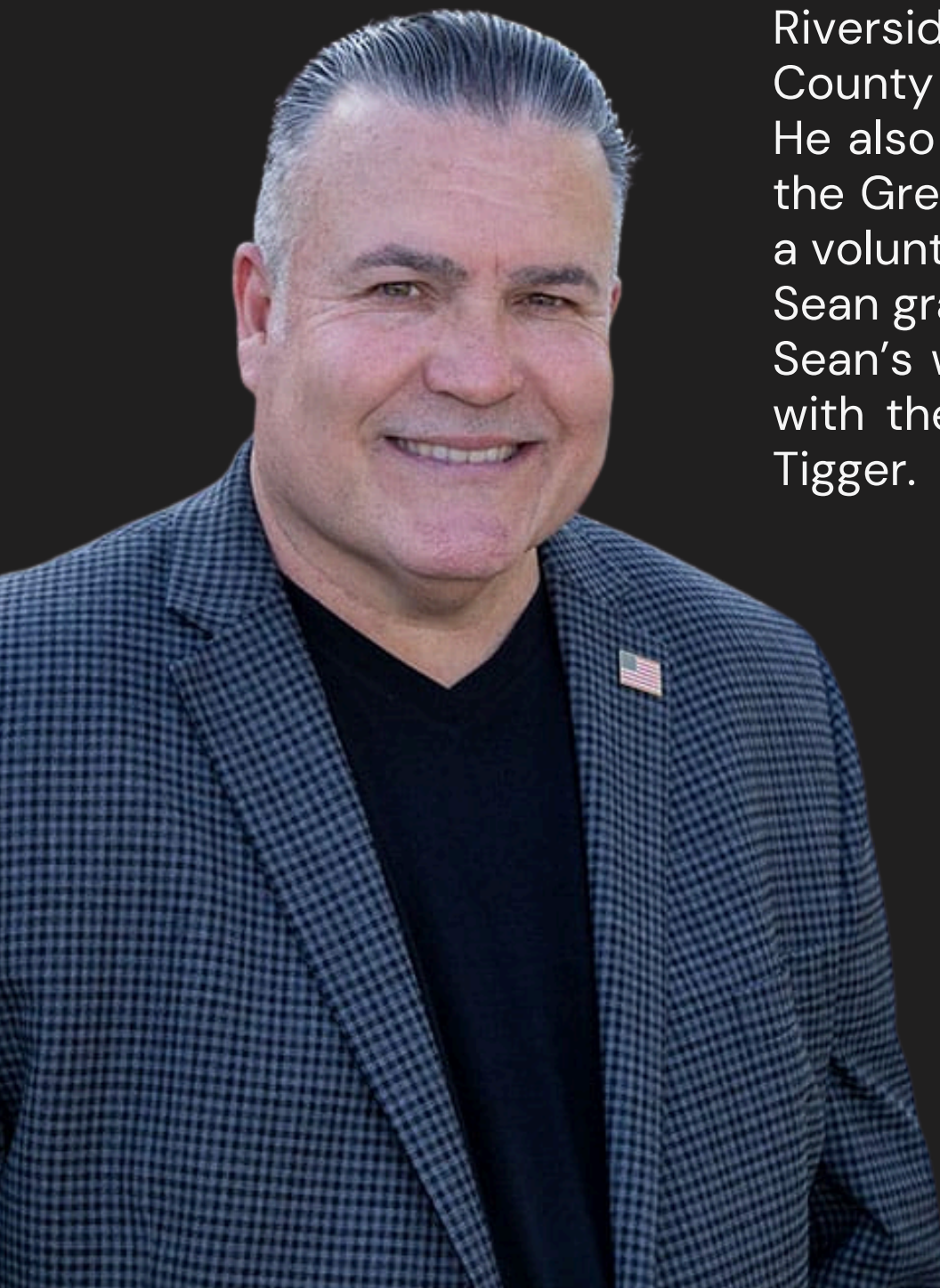
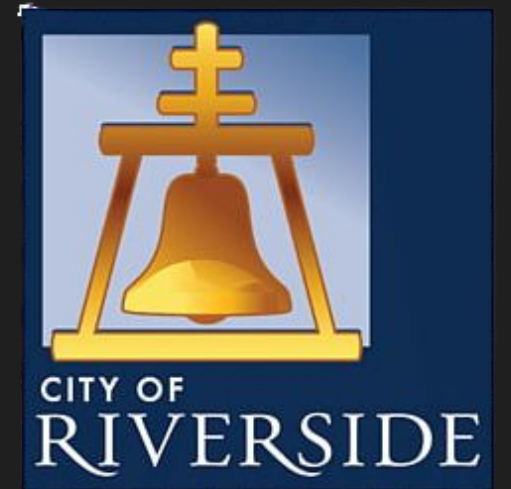
Over the past decade, Philip's service has focused on historic preservation, education, public art, infrastructure, and environmental protections. He began his career of public service in 2017 as the youngest commissioner in the City of Riverside's history and the chairman of the City's Cultural Heritage Board.

Philip resides in the Downtown neighborhood and in his free time researches and authors local history articles for various Riverside publications. Philip's published book "City Hall 50: Building a City Beautiful" chronicles Riverside history and municipal architecture.

- Involves with Deaf Community in Riverside
- Promoted to have Deaf Community nonprofit organization
- Supported and voted for new Commission of the Deaf
- Working closely to have Deaf Community Mural project in downtown area
- Assures to include Deaf citizens for any Riverside's projects..
- His passion on Riverside's Historic preservation.

# Sean Mill

**City of Riverside  
Ward 5: Councilmember**



Sean Mill is a husband, father and local business owner. A native of Southern California and longtime resident of Riverside, Sean was sworn in as the Ward 5 Councilman on April 9, 2024. Previously he served on the Riverside County Flood Control Commission, City of Riverside Airport Commission and City of Riverside Planning Commission. He also served as a volunteer Board Member for the Arlington Business Partnership, Arlington Business Council, and the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce. He previously coached football at Riverside Poly High School and was a volunteer softball coach.

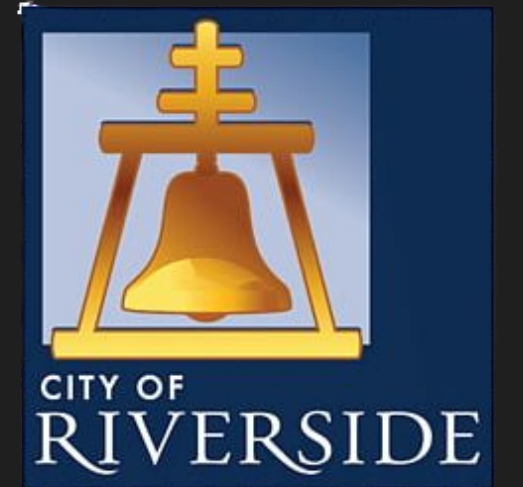
Sean graduated from the University of California, Irvine with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

Sean's wife Tenna is a Riverside native and graduate of Riverside Poly High School. They live in Riverside's Ward 5 with their daughter Hailey, who also graduated from Riverside Poly High School, and their two dogs, Poochie and Tigger.

- Involves with Deaf Community in Riverside
- Supports Deaf community Town Hall
- Assures to include Deaf citizens for any Riverside's projects..

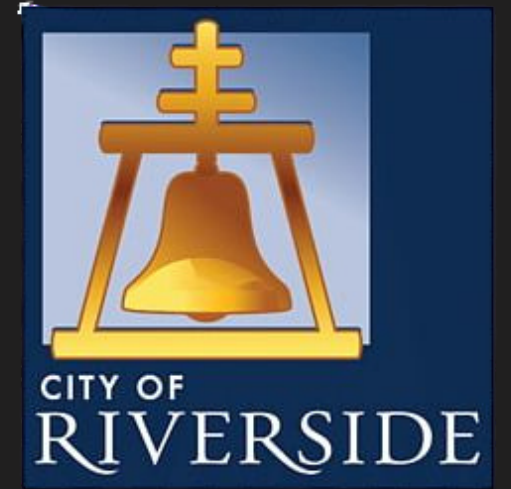
# Sean Mill

City of Riverside  
Ward 5: Councilmember



# Steven Robillard

## City of Riverside Ward 3: Councilmember



Steven Robillard is a lifelong Riverside resident, he brings deep community roots, entrepreneurial experience, and a passion for public service to his role.

He serves as Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, and a member of the Housing and Homelessness Committee. His leadership focuses on growing the local economy, supporting small and local businesses, addressing housing needs, and strengthening neighborhood resilience. He is also committed to advancing the Riverside Municipal Airport and improving wellness and quality of life for the city's senior population.

His commitment to Riverside is deeply personal. Councilmember Robillard earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California, Riverside, where his interest in civic engagement first took root. In 2015, he married his high school sweetheart, Lexie, and together they are raising their two children, Logan and Sloane. Both he and Lexie are lifelong Riverside residents who take great pride in building their family in the city they love. He also remains actively involved in his church community.

Robillard continues to work for a stronger, more vibrant Riverside—where every neighborhood has the opportunity to thrive.

- Involves with Deaf Community in Riverside
- Supports Deaf community Town Hall
- School for the Deaf is on Ward #3.
- Assures to include Deaf citizens for any Riverside's projects..



**Community**

**Connections**

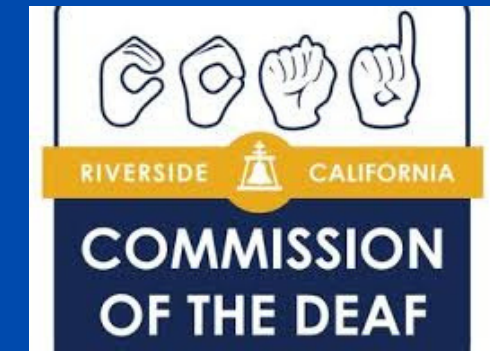
# Community connections

California School for  
the Deaf, Riverside



April MacArthur,  
Superintendent

Commission of  
the Deaf



Blair Rasmus,  
Commissioner

Deaf Community  
of Riverside



Deaf Community of Riverside

Barbie Gomez,  
President

Center on  
Deafness, Inland  
Empire



Lisa Price, Director

and.....

# Community connections

Inland Regional  
Center



Estefania Pena, DHH  
Cultural Specialist

California  
Association of  
the Deaf

Humberto Guzman,  
President



and.....

# Community connections

Civil Rights  
Institute Inland  
Southern  
California



Sabrina Gonzalez,  
Director



University of  
California,  
Riverside

Riverside 2050

CITY OF RIVERSIDE  
**2050**  
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE



[https://riverside2050.squarespace.com/  
participate.](https://riverside2050.squarespace.com/participate)

# Organizations//Services

How many in Riverside/IE?

# DEAF COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE

## *Organizations/Services*

*Alpha Interpreting Agency*

*Angel with me*

*Artistname951*

*ASL Real Estate Agent*

*ASL Town*

*California Association of the Deaf*

*California Baptist University*

*California Home of the Adult Deaf*

*California School for the Deaf*

*Center on Deafness Inland Empire*

*Children of Deaf Adults*

*(CODA International)*

*Collaborative Psychology Group*

*Commission of the Deaf*

*CSDR Booster Club*

*CSDR. JrNAD*

*CSDRAA*

*Dawn Sign Press*

*Deaf Girls Scouts of Riverside*

*Deaf Magician*

*Deaf Nena Mime*

*Deaf Riverside Cycling Club*

*Deaf Volks*

*DOR–State Agency*

*Employment Development Dept.*

*Eyeth Entertainment*

*Families, School, Community*

*Association*

*Gallaudet Univ– Riverside Chapter*

*Homemade by Yadira*

*Inland Counties Legal Services*

*Inland Regional Center*

*LulaRoe Riverside*

*Miranda's Bakery*

*Norwex*



37+

*Pacific Coast Deaf Golf Club*

*PYRAM*

*RCC ASL CLUB*

*RISE Interpreting*

*Riverside Deaf Bowlers*

*Riverside Deaf Seniors*

*Riverside Pickleball*

*Sassy's Creations*

*SoCal. Disc Golf*

*Three & Three Co.*

*UCR ASL CLUB*

*Vocational Rehabilitation*

# DEAF COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE

*What have we been doing lately?*



## *Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services*

*Special Project:*

**NICHOLS PARK / JOYCE JACKSON COMMUNITY CENTER**

*pursuing grant fundings:*

**Riverside PRCS**

New Construction  
**Deaf Cultural Community Center**

Pathways:

- Adaptive programs
- Resiliency programs



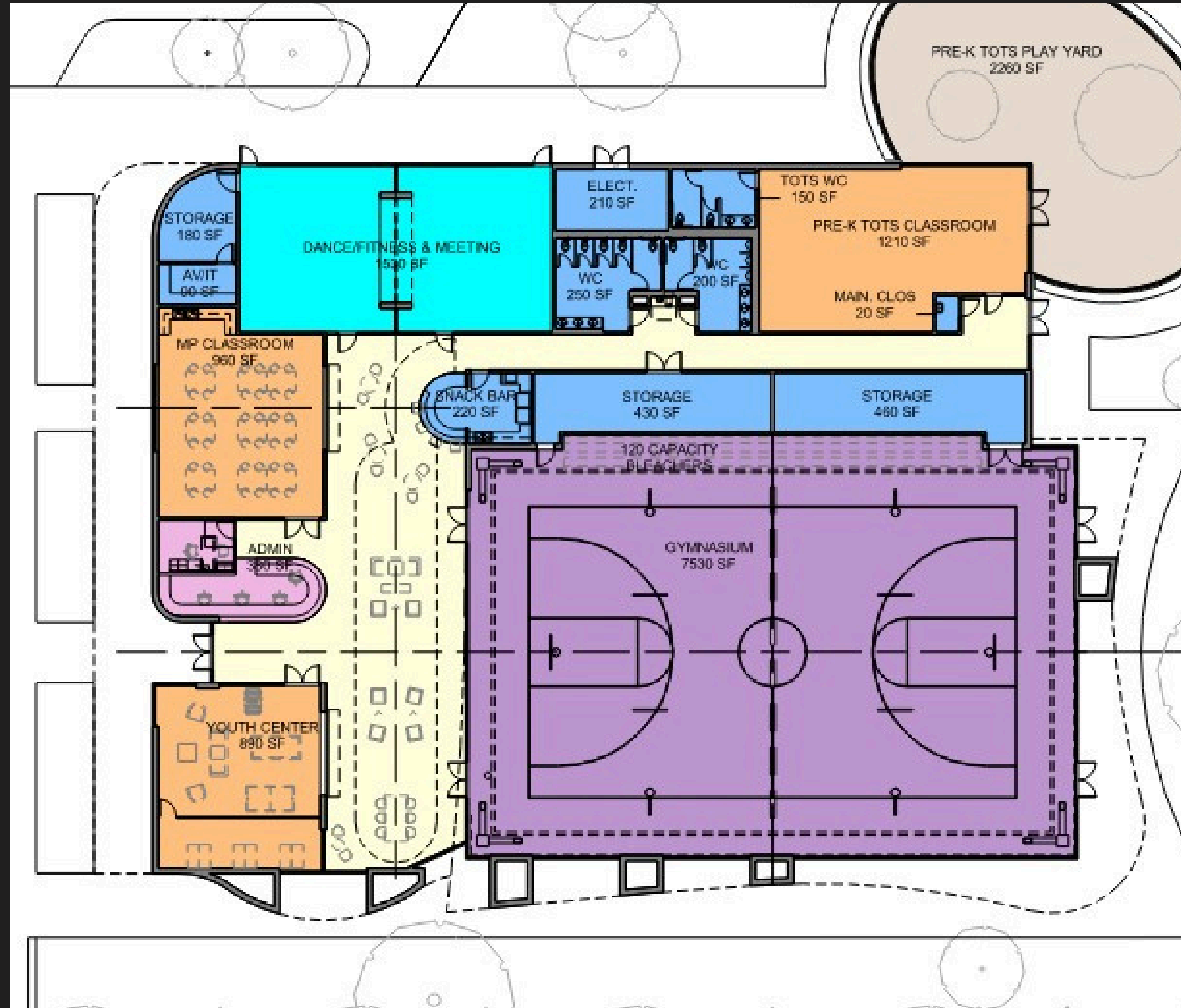
# Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services

## NICHOLS PARK / JOYCE JACKSON COMMUNITY CENTER



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## NICHOLS PARK / JOYCE JACKSON COMMUNITY CENTER



**MULTI PURPOSE MEETING ROOM/FITNESS STUDIO** This double bay room can be divided into two acoustically separated smaller rooms.



**MULTI PURPOSE WORKSHOP CLASSROOM** This room is outfitted with plumbing and lots of storage to accommodate multiple activities related to art, craft, music and other pursuits across all generations.

*Calendar of Events:*



[WWW.DEAFCOMMUNITYOFRIVERSIDE.ORG](http://WWW.DEAFCOMMUNITYOFRIVERSIDE.ORG)

Facebook

Instagram

# DeaFestival 2027

*Every other year...*



# Town Hall Survey



The poster features the logo of the Deaf Community of Riverside (DCR) at the top left, which includes a stylized tower and the text 'DCR Deaf Community of Riverside'. To the right of the logo, the text 'DEAF COMMUNITY IN RIVERSIDE' is written in a blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the words 'TOWN HALL' and 'SURVEY' are prominently displayed in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a dark blue rectangular background. The central focus of the poster is a large, high-contrast black and white QR code, which is enclosed within a white border and a larger dark blue border. The background of the entire poster is light blue with faint, decorative patterns.

**DEAF COMMUNITY IN RIVERSIDE**

**TOWN HALL  
SURVEY**



Remember to vote!

**VOTE MATTERS!**



# RAFFLE TIME!

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Thank you for coming.  
Safe Travels!

