

DEAF COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE

City of Riverside

~2026~

Part II

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND CHAIRS

Thank you for your dedication and contribution for Deaf Community in Riverside

- July 20th General Meeting
- Create blast email system

DCR Projects

Riverside City College

Mike Anderson- Person of Contact

(Barbie Gomez, Jens Rechenberg, Mike Anderson, David Reynolds, Josh Gray)

- ~~Meet and Greet~~
- ~~Deaf Center at RCC; Disability Resources Center; Dean of Academics; Dean of Students; ASL/Interpreting~~
- Dept. of Education proposal for BA in Interpreting- *pending*

University of California, Riverside

Josh Gray- Person of Contact

(Core Team: David Reynolds, Lisa Price, April Getten, Dr. Augulo, Lauren Maucere, Josh Gray, Mike Anderson)

- Visited at UCR June 8th for a meeting and tour
- Created Survey system and will have zoom meeting with SDSU
- Ongoing process:

Special projects: Grants

~~*Jens Rechenberg- Person of Contact*~~

~~*(Core Team: Moon Feris, Mike Anderson, RyRy Fingerle, Cati Porter)*~~

- ~~Set an appointment with Cati to get the grants processed~~
- ~~Other grants possibilities~~

Deaf Cultural Community Center

David Reynolds- Person of Contact

(Core Team: David Reynolds, Keith Gamache, Josh Gray, Mike Anderson)

- Park/Rec team launched with Deaf Community for Nichols Park
- Attended their meeting about many possibilities for grants (Resiliency, Adaptive, Sustainability, Extreme Heat system and on...
- We had Webinar from the state of California on June 25th and great resources
- We will meet again after July 7th

City of Riverside - Museum (new annex)

Mike Anderson- Person of Contact

(Core Team: Alyce Reynolds, Jeanne Ewald, Sheila Lenham, Barbie Gomez, Mike Anderson)

- The construction is on-going
- We will have another meeting for a follow ups

City of Riverside - Art Museum(on-going)

Mike Anderson- Person of Contact

- Working on collecting Deaf Artists to donate at the Art Museum
- Review Cheech Center with QR ASL version
- Supported DeaFestival Tour
- Deaf Day for Cheech Center (evening)
- Affiliate with CSDR's art program
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City of Riverside - Public Library

- Work closely with the Administrator for Storytelling, Books, Deaf section....
- Research team for Deaf History in the past...

City of Riverside - Park, Recreation, Community Department

David Reynolds- Person of Contact

- Follow ups:
 - Had State Webinar about grants SGC fundings
 - Need more data for Deaf socio-immigrants (Lives in Riverside)
 - Youth program affiliates
 - Deaf Space
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DeaFestival 2027

Mike Anderson- Coordinator

- Set up CORE team meeting
 - Logistics- location
 - Letters to vendors/sponsors/city (for 2027)

Deaf Awareness Month 2026

Mike Anderson- Coordinator

- Set up CORE team
- Calendar has been made
 - Tours, open houses, CSDR vs MSSD
 - Awards?
 - Artist for RAM....
 - Sponsors - CAD, others
 - IDSL

Deaf Mural

Mike Anderson- Coordinator

- Councilmember Phil Falcone and I worked on downtown area
- Found one (RCC Parking Structure- University Ave)
- Melinda from the RCC office helped us- SLOW the process...
 - DCR created a letter to Facilities/Planning Dept

Blue Envelope

Barbie, RYRY, Mike

- Excellent training
 - Great for anyone with mental health issues/or mental personalities

Mayor's forum- Seniors

Barbie, Lisa, Mike

- Excellent information
 - RDS will be shared
 - Working on New Seniors center (one floor Deaf tenants)

Town Hall

DCR

- Excellent evening
 - Blast information; constituents learned ALOT
 - Panera a success
 - Powerpoint- powerful with data
 - Impressed (all constituents showed up)
 - Need to put all data together into website for "Focus Group"
 - Many hours to create, implement, correspond

City of Riverside EXPO

DCR and DC

- Great day for Human Resources expo at the Breezeway
 - Volunteers came
 - DCR table decoration went well
 - Did You Know/ poster was a hit....
 - Deaf Commission has no materials (waiting for a new logo, naming etc...)

Concerts In The Park

Barbie, RYRY, Mike, David

- Team from Parks/Rec were amazed- wanted to launch ASL Interpreters
- Mike contacted RISE to assure having ASL Entertainment Signers (they do)
- Barbie contacted local Deaf Entertainers, can perform ASL
- Deaf Entertainment Signers must have Independent Contractor (IC) to RISE agency because City of Riverside's contract
- Wednesdays (need more advertising in Social Media)
 - Web, IG, FB

VOLUNTEERISM

Barbie

- DCR has a great volunteers participated
 - Need to create Email system
 - ~Reminder email
 - ~Group email
 - ~Individual texting

Kaiser/RCH/others

DCR

- Outreach: Deaf citizens in Riverside
- Accessibler friendly report card
- VRI/In-person ASL Interpreters system
- ER/UR
- Advisory Board

Riverside TV

Mike Anderson

- Had a great interview with Mayor Loveridge
 - Thanks to Lisa and Suzette
 - Very formal and productive...
 - Will work on old pictures along with 2-minute segment Spotlight

Social Media/WEB

DCR

- Revamped and expanded Social Media Access
 - Thanks to Rene V and Blair R for supporting the "new" system
 - Meta with IG FB
 - IG allocates DCR's additional: DeaFestival, ASLImprovRiverside, etc
 - DCR owns Canva...
 - ZEFFY
 - Tockify Calendar
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CDBG Community Development Budget Grants

General Plan Update and Climate Action & Adaptation Plan 2050

DCR

- Been quiet- possible budget slashed (will keep contract with CAAP)
 - Wrote a letter about CAAP representative that does not share with us
 - Want to maintain a good relationship with CAAP
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Along the way:

Welcome to Riverside signage (fingerspelling) **IDLE**

Commission of the Deaf- will change to Deaf Commission

Had a meeting with City Manager dept (11-city executives) with Barbie, Rene V, and Mike A

Discussed about Contract for interpreters

Aria/Convo

311 Call Center

Housing for Seniors/Homelessness

Commission meeting: access during zoom calls, Interpreters ...etc

Setting up Human Resources Expo

Deaf Commission will change the naming, new logo, etc... (Communication dept)

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- Homeless/low income housing programs
- City Hall- accessible for the Deaf
- Hiring more Deaf employees and need data on how many CODA, Deaf, Etc...
- RiversideTV- revisit

Deaf Organizations

CSDR

CODIE

International Day of Sign Languages (a MUST- panelists)

ASL TOWN- pending

ASL Improv Night:

August 28th; Back to the Grind

Purchased two 55" monitor and one 22' monitor (for performers to see)

DawnSign will help with hardware.....

Revisit for Deaf Awareness:

Riverside Police department: culturally sensitivity program

Riverside Fire department: culturally sensitivity program (safety)

Riverside Public Utilities: home visits

Accomplishment with the Deaf Community:

~~January 2024-~~

~~State of the City recognized CSDR football team~~

~~March 2024-~~

~~Launched new social media: Deaf In Riverside by Independent group~~

~~April 2024-~~

~~Masquerade Ball- a huge successful event~~

~~September 2024-~~

~~———— 25th Annual Deaf Festival- historic~~

~~October 2024-~~

~~———— Boys of Riverside book release~~

~~Monopoly game board announced- CSDR on the board~~

~~November 2024-~~

~~———— Elvis Zornoza's special recognition- Homegrown Heroes by Civil Rights Institute- SoCal~~

~~December 2024-~~

~~———— CODIE Santa's drive thorough~~

January to June of 2026 (half year) has been complimentary and productive in many ways, only for half of the year.... Amazing.

More to come....

July- NAD, DCR general meeting

August- ASL Improv

September- Deaf Awareness Month

October- DCR general meeting, National Pickleball in Fresno

November- CAD's Bash "Surf' Up" 120 years celebration

December-