



## COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The County of Riverside believes our most important asset is our employees. As a public service organization, we cannot provide the support and services needed by our communities and customers without the exceptional service provided by our employees, leaders, and teams. To demonstrate this belief and align with County goals and organizational values, Human Resources, in collaboration with the Executive Office, developed the Countywide Employee Recognition Program.

### We are happy to announce our 2024 Countywide Award winners!

Winners of a Countywide award were selected by the 2024 County of Riverside Employee Recognition Program Committee and were recently recognized at the September 17th, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

#### Category: Innovation



**Karan Chandran**  
Assistant Chief Information Officer,  
Information Technology

#### Category: Stellar Customer Service



**Mary Cain**  
Business Relationship Manager II,  
Information Technology

#### Category: Essence of Leadership



**Lisa Mitchell**  
Supervising Environmental Health Specialist,  
Environmental Health

#### Category: Lean Improvements



**Stacey Chester**  
Facilities Operations Manager,  
Facilities Management

#### Category: Exceptional Results through Teamwork



#### Santa Ana River Homeless Solutions Collaborative

**Board of Supervisors:** Karen Spiegel, Deborah Rose, Amber Smalley, & Carlos Thomas Ketcham

**Housing & Workforce Solutions:** Heidi Marshall, Tanya Torno, Raushanah Walker, & Emma Perez-Singh

**Behavioral Health:** Matthew Chang, Marcus Cannon, Deborah Johnson, Rhyan Miller, & Lorissa Villarreal

**Fire Department:** Bill Weiser & Jeff Veik

**Flood Control:** Jason Uhley, Claudio Padres, Richard Boon, Joan Marie Valle, & Elias Santos

**Parks:** Kyla Brown, Dustin McLain, Robert Williams, Oscar Serrato, Christian Sanchez, Ariannah Romo, Martha Carmona, Adrian Ortiz, Issac Gutierrez, Jeffrey Burgener, Nicholas Vazquez, Rene Barron, & Paul Gonzales

**Animal Services:** Erin Gettis, Kim Youngberg, James Huffman, & Jason Sanders

**Sheriff's Department:** Carlos Alemar, Julia Cruz, Damian Chavez, Erik Savage, & Steven Rappisi

**Information Technology:** Bethany Balisky

**County Counsel:** Lisa Sanchez

**Department of Public Social Services:** Breeonna Bright

### Congratulations to our 2024 Portfolio-level winners!

#### Administration & Internal Services

**Innovation:** Karan Chandran  
**Stellar Customer Service:** Mary Cain  
**Essence of Leadership:** Kevin Cobb  
**Lean Improvements:** Stacey Chester

**Exceptional Results through Teamwork: Childhelp Property Acquisition and Transition to Harmony Haven** - Vincent Yzaguirre, Jonathan Duey, David Curtis, Brian Henwood, David Gibson, Dave Demuth, Charlene Hernandez, Paul Villegas, Rebecca McCray, John Harden, Bridgette Hernandez, Bryson Arnold, Chad Burkitt, Dana Young, Corey Taylor, & Monica Hernandez

#### Finance

**Innovation:** Tasha Grihma  
**Stellar Customer Service:** Colleen Espino  
**Essence of Leadership:** Esther Jimenez  
**Lean Improvements:** Jason Jacquez  
**Exceptional Results through Teamwork: Assessor-Clerk Recorder Palm Desert Public Service** - Abigail Perez, Adriana Castillo, Evangelina Silvas, Alma Escobar, Linda Ramirez, Leticia Quintero, Debra Aicher, Rosario Cardenas, Yvonne Cruz, Maria Duenas, Vanessa Boyzo, Bernadette Villegas, David Nguyen, & Lori Aleman

#### Human Services

**Innovation:** Joshua Coda  
**Stellar Customer Service:** Cecelia Zendejas  
**Essence of Leadership:** Sophia Williams  
**Lean Improvements:** Monica Santana  
**Exceptional Results through Teamwork: Child Support Services Media and Outreach** - Regina Cruise, Marquese Howard, Michael Savall, Sothea Lee, David Urias, Jade Pernell, Michelle Tanampai, Jenny Soza, & Desiree Garcia

#### Public Works & Community Services

**Innovation:** Kahlil Amin  
**Stellar Customer Service:** Jazmine Barajas  
**Essence of Leadership:** Lisa Mitchell  
**Lean Improvements:** Gaby Adame-Algrim  
**Exceptional Results through Teamwork: Santa Ana River Homeless Solutions Collaborative** - Karen Spiegel, Deborah Rose, Amber Smalley, Carlos Thomas Ketcham, Heidi Marshall, Tanya Torno, Raushanah Walker, Emma Perez-Singh, Matthew Chang, Marcus Cannon, Deborah Johnson, Rhyan Miller, Lorissa Villarreal, Bill Weiser, Jeff Veik, Jason Uhley, Claudio Padres, Richard Boon, Joan Marie Valle, Elias Santos, Kyla Brown, Dustin McLain, Robert Williams, Oscar Serrato, Christian Sanchez, Ariannah Romo, Martha Carmona, Adrian Ortiz, Issac Gutierrez, Jeffrey Burgener, Nicholas Vazquez, Rene Barron, Paul Gonzales, Erin Gettis, Kim Youngberg, James Huffman, Jason Sanders, Carlos Alemar, Julia Cruz, Damian Chavez, Erik Savage, Steven Rappisi, Bethany Balisky, Lisa Sanchez, & Breeonna Bright

#### Public Safety

**Innovation:** Kevin Slusarski  
**Stellar Customer Service:** Ashley Barton  
**Essence of Leadership:** Olivia Serna  
**Lean Improvements:** Rebecca Cloyd  
**Exceptional Results through Teamwork: Indio Campus Pathways to Success Secure Track Treatment Program** - Christian Brenes, Juan Damia, Amanda Hartmann, Melissa Lascano, Mario Lupersio, Albert Martinez, Victor Muro, Saul Ochoa Maciel, Monika Ortega, Julian Pando, Damazo Paz, Marina Perez, Jose Pompa Nunez, Rigoberto Ramirez, Roy Ramirez, Victor Regalado, Sandra Rosales, James Staton, Lino Valenzuela Ceballos, Timothy White, & Travis Zmotony

#### RUHS

**Innovation:** Curley Palmer  
**Stellar Customer Service:** Ashly Trevino-Kwong  
**Essence of Leadership:** Valerie Rodriguez  
**Lean Improvements:** Melissa Taylor

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 WINNERS AND ALL PROGRAM NOMINEES!

