

## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

### Community & Economic Development Department

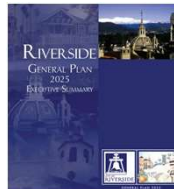
City Council  
January 10, 2023

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## DEPARTMENT MISSION



The Department is committed to the highest level of public service through neighborhood enrichment, arts, innovation, health and safety in our built environment, and economic growth that collectively improves the quality of place for the Riverside community.



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## THE TEAM



Administration/  
Fiscal 7 FTE



Planning &  
Historic  
Preservation  
25 FTE



Building &  
Safety  
22 FTE



Economic  
Development  
6.5 FTE



Community  
Development  
Block Grant  
4 FTE



Successor  
Agency  
2 FTE



Arts &  
Cultural  
Affairs  
6 FTE



Real Property  
Services  
6 FTE



Neighborhood  
Engagement  
5 FTE



Code  
Enforcement  
27 FTE



122.5 FTE's support 10 Divisions

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## PLANNING TODAY AND TOMORROW

### Current Planning

**678** Annual Entitlements



### Advance Planning

- Phase 1 General Plan/Element Update
- 6th Cycle Housing Element Certification
- Inclusionary Housing
- Good Neighbor Guidelines
- Commercial Cannabis
- Zoning Code Streamlining
- Phase 2 General Plan/Climate Action Plan



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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Partnerships & Collaborations



## Story Telling & Communication



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# LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM SUPPORT

## Northside Agriculture Innovation Center



**\$1Million Grant FY23**  
Federal Earmark via  
Community Projects Funds

**\$32,000 grant from**  
Love Tito's Foundation  
for Nick's Garden

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## FACILITATING INVESTMENT

**Over \$1 Billion+**  
Construction Valuation  
2020-2022



**Happy or Not Metrics  
Customer Feedback**



**97% Positive Rating**  
In Person Visits



**90% Positive Rating**  
Virtual Customers

**6,000 +**

Annual Permits Issued



**28,000 +**

Annual Plan Checks  
80% e-Plans



**Over 50,000+**  
Annual Inspections



**Over 80,000+**  
Annual Customers Served  
60% Virtual



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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

### Annual Metrics

**11,353**

Complaints Received

**10,810**

Resolved Cases

**1,655**

Open Code Cases



### Beautification



87% inspected in 5 days

### Food Truck & Vendor Ordinances



### PSET Program Support

5,000 + Annual Contacts Made  
4,900 + Locations Inspected



38% inspected in 1 day

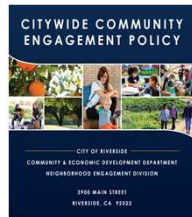
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## NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT



**110,825**  
Total Reached



**CalFresh**  
Direct Pantry support:  
Indirect Education 1200  
Participants



**516**  
Volunteers

**Food Resiliency:**  
Distributions/Project Dash  
Little Free Pantry  
200+ Participants



**Love Riverside**  
19 Projects 346 Volunteers



**4,000+**  
Volunteer Hours



**Neighborhood Outdoor Movie Night**  
20 Events, 700 attendees



**Small Sparks**  
25 Projects  
Awarded: \$9563  
Valuation: \$59,487

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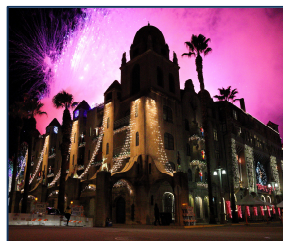
## ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

### Grand Openings

#### The Cheech



### Special Events



### Murals



### Grants



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# INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

## Grants Division



Total HUD Funding \$8 + Million



\$158K + in Lease/License Revenue

\$1.2 + Million in Surplus Sales Revenue

114 Right of Entry Agreements Processed



Successor Agency / Real Property Services

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# DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

## Planning:



2022 IES-APA AWARDS WINNERS

- Comprehensive Planning (Large Jurisdiction):
  - Excellence: Riverside Housing Element Update



## Arts & Cultural Affairs:

KRCB – Beautification Award  
Public Art Alleyways

PRSA – Inland Empire 2021  
Polaris Award – Library Event  
Rise! Mural



Canyon Springs Healthcare Campus:  
2021 Award  
Real Estate Development and Reuse

## Digital City:

- Public Permit Portal – 2021 US Finalist by Smart Cities
- Digital City – No. 4 in US



## Neighborhoods:

2020 Winner and 2021  
Finalist - NUSA  
Best Neighborhood  
Program of the Year



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## STAFF RECOGNITION

### 2020 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Tiffany Wheeler  
Senior Administrative Analyst  
Administration Division



Brittney Hodge  
Senior Administrative Assistant  
Administration Division



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## STAFF RECOGNITION

### 2021 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Gema Ramirez  
Project Coordinator  
Arts & Cultural Affairs Division



Mathew Taylor  
Principal Planner  
Planning Division



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## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



**Strategic Priority No. 2 –  
Community Well-Being**

**Strategic Priority No. 3 –  
Economic Opportunity**

**Strategic Priority No. 5 –  
High Performing Government**



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## RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council:

Receive and file a presentation and overview of the Community & Economic Development Department, its core functions, recent accomplishments, and staff recognition.



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