



## Neighborhood Success Story

### CASA BLANCA *COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (CAG)*

*over 48 years of community activism*



In December 1878 Henry Benedict Lockwood and his mother, Ms. LeGrand Lockwood, moved into their new white-plastered adobe home. **They called it Casa Blanca, or "white house."**

The property was elaborately landscaped and so remarkable that the general area soon became known as the **"Village of Casa Blanca"**.


**Casa Blanca** exists today as a distinct Riverside neighborhood with a strong-knit, family-oriented, and largely residential neighborhood.




*The Casa Blanca itself*



Santa Fe established its first depot and telegraph office in Casa Blanca during the summer of 1888. The agent was A. H. Prince. The depot shown here in 1911 was not built until 1907. — Robert E. French Collection








In July 1911 two women went to a Riverside School Board Meeting and presented a petition with over 80 names on it requesting a new school be built in Casa Blanca.


In 1913 a new school was built, but in 1920 it burned down. A new school was rebuilt in 1923




Community Strength: Local Schools






**ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, RIVERSIDE (CASA BLANCA)**

Began as a mission of St. Francis de Sales about 1911. Founded in 1921, and church built. Second church built in 1923. Address: 3074 Madison Street, Riverside, CA 92504.



Casa Blanca's first public library opened in 1950

Community Strength: Local Churches and Library



THE GYM WAS PART OF THE OLD GIRLS SCHOOL BUILDING. THE GYM WAS MOVED TO THE CASA BLANCA PARK IN 1952. THE GYM WAS DESTROYED BY ARSON FIRE IN 1972



1985 THE "CASA BLANCA ACES"  
 Back Row: Johnny Martinez, Manuel Salazar, Frank Martinez, Frank Jose Chavez, David Chantrelle, Ernie Brown, Lou Reed (Mg.)  
 Front Row: Frank Torres (Mg.), Tommy Valente, Nick Morris, Amanda Pacheco (Mg.), Tony Gomez, David Villalobos

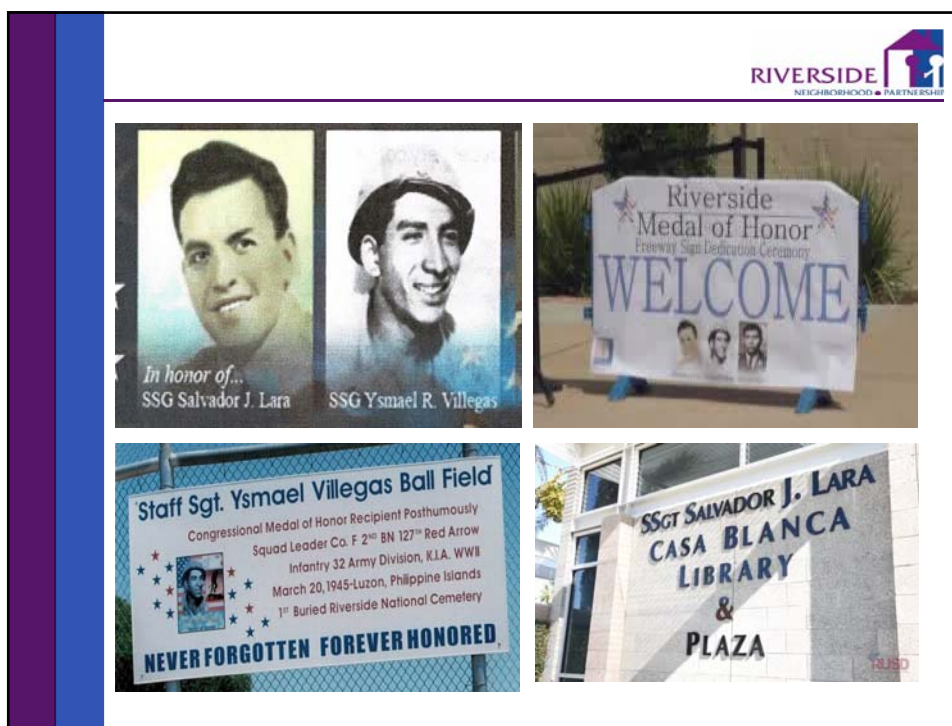


### Community Strength: Local Parks and Community Center

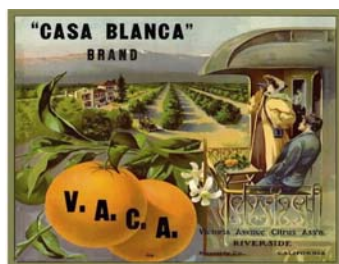


Residents of this neighborhood have historically been active with several community organizations, leading to the creation of one of the City's first Community Plans in 1974.

The Community Plan set forth a series of land use, economic development, and social goals and objectives for the neighborhood.







The Casa Blanca Community Action Group (CAG) along with Villegas Park Advisory Committee, Casa Blanca Home of Neighborly Service, Casa Blanca Baby Boomers, Ysmael Villegas Memorial VFW Post 184, and The Seniors, are working to create a **UNITED CASA BLANCA** to improve neighborhood advocacy, security and visibility with their neighbors.

A priority is to work with RUSD for a new elementary school in the neighborhood.

They meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Villegas Community Center starting at 7:00pm



## Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Board meets the  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
of the month.

Next meeting:

**\* FRIDAY JUNE 30, 2017**

**The Salted Pig  
6:30-8:00pm**

**\* HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

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and to support the creation of  
neighborhood groups to improve  
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