



# Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging

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On June 7, 2017, the Advisory Council on Aging met for a Strategic Planning and Team Building Retreat with consultant Marilyn Snider from Snider and Associates. During the session, Advisory Council members developed a new Mission Statement for 2017-2018 and beyond:

***“The mission of the Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging is to advocate for all older persons and adults with disabilities, to improve their lives.”***

And developed four three-year goals for 2017-2020 (*Not in priority order*):

- ***Improve public knowledge, access to services and support for issues concerning the aging and disabled populations***
- ***Increase the Board of Supervisors’ knowledge on issues of the aging and enhance the Advisory Council’s influence on the Board of Supervisors***
- ***Improve internal and external communication***
- ***Improve the visibility of the Advisory Council in the community***

The Advisory Council also reviewed the various accomplishments during 2016-2017, which are outlined below:

## **STRENGTHS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING IN THE PAST YEAR**

Brainstormed Perceptions:

- Community outreach
- We developed informational pamphlets
- We meet regularly
- We are all devoted
- We learn about the needs and issues of the seniors in our community
- We provide disaster training, e.g., for a supervisorial district
- We provide identity theft training
- We’ve provided training regarding scams
- Our backgrounds and ties to various organizations enrich our work on the Council
- We promote healthy initiatives, especially in Jurupa Valley
- We’ve participated in conducting community surveys, e.g., needs, nutrition

- We serve as the ‘ears’ in the senior and disabled communities and bring information to the Office on Aging
- Started several “Fit After Fifty” exercise programs in various communities
- Anna receives positive feedback on the Council members representing the Office at meetings and events
- The Council members work well together
- The Council works as a team
- Helped to restart the Riverside County Foundation on Aging
- We advocate with the state legislature
- Our advocacy work
- Community resources have been used
- Assessed older people in the community to find out what resources are needed
- Members volunteer in the community
- In the past, we have gone out in the community and provided seminars
- We have done a lot to prevent elder abuse, e.g., scamming
- We partnered with other organizations to learn and provide information about our programs and help understand the needs of older adults
- Reviewed, commented on and approved the Office on Aging Year Four Area Plan that was submitted to the state of California
- We represent all senior citizens in Riverside
- The diversity of our Council members is a strength
- Members sit on other organizations’ commissions or advisory boards to represent the Office on Aging and aging concerns to make sure they are considered by those organizations