



Community Action Partnership History

1979

Designation:

- *Riverside County was formally designated as an anti-poverty agency by Alphonse Rodriguez, Administrator, Region IX, D-H.H.S.*
- *The Board of Supervisors asked the Mayor's and Councilmen's Conference (now the County Leagues of Cities) to identify five cities to fill the Public Sector slots. The cities are Banning, Coachella, Palm Springs, Perris and the City of Riverside (the latter hold a permanent seat).*

1980

- *An election was held via community meetings for five Low-Income Sector representatives. The Public and Low-Income Sectors selected Private Sector representatives after the Needs Assessments was completed per the Bylaws.*
- *The Board of Supervisors ordered County Counsel to draft a "Delineation of Powers" agreement with the Commission.*
- *Lois Carson was hired in September by Brigitte Page, Commission Chairman and Robert Fitch, County Executive Officer.*

- *The first Community Needs Assessment was conducted in order to submit the Community Action Plan to Federal Region IX of C.S.A.*
- *The first Plan was developed with Slaughter & Associate for nearly \$1 million which was earmarked for Riverside County.*
- *The first Bylaws, submitted to Region IX, CSA, were approved.*

1981

- *Brigette Page, Mayor, City of Banning re-elected first Chairman of the Community Action Board 1981-82.*

1982

First Community Action Programs Initiated by the Commission:

- *Pre-Apprenticeship Program was designed to give small businesses who could not participate in the County job training program.*
- *San Geronio Child Care Center and Jurupa Child Care Center initiated with land for \$1 per year and a CDBG. Perris Child Care Center was initiated in 1985.*
- *CAP Riverside helps create Coachella Valley Housing Coalition - provides first grant.*

1983

- *Voted to hold six meetings in Banning, "mid-point: of the County and two in other locations annually.*
- *Voted to offer a permanent Alternate seat to the County Head Start Policy Council.*
- *Voted to revise the terms of office for Low-Income and Private Sectors to 6 years and to continue the process of election for Low-Income representatives.*
- *Voted to give permanent seats to Labor and Education.*
- *George Contreras, representing the Lions Club of Perris, was elected Chairman of the Board 1983-84.*
- *Re-affirmed permanent seat on the Commission for the City of Riverside, County seat.*

1984

- *Community Action granted full department status following Commission's successful defeat of attempted takeover by Paul Wiley of DPSS.*
- *Commission requested the first Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors.*

1985

- *Junius Pierson, Low-Income representative -District V, was elected Chairman of the Board 1985-86.*

1987

- *Ralph Snow, Private Sector (Central Labor Council) was elected Chairman of the Board for 1987-88.*

1988

- *Community Action assumed coordination of Homeless Services for the County, city of Riverside and other cities managing funds from FEMA, HUD and State H.C.D. and local CDBG.*
- *Serves as staff to FEMA Local Board which provided governance to the Homeless delivery system for the county.*

1989

- *Mildred Tyler, Private Sector representative of Riverside, was elected Chairman of the Board for 1989-90.*
- *Lois Carson was elected President of Board of the Cal-Neva State Association at its convention hosted by CAP in Palm Springs, and served two terms.*

1991

- *Warren Maple, Low-Income representative from Banning was elected Chairman of the Board for 1991-92.*

1993

- *Joy Schlendorf, Private Sector, (Soroptimists Club) was elected Chairman of the Board for 1993-94; Later became Public Sector representative when she was elected to the Palm Springs City Council.*
- *Lois Carson and Tom Tenorio became "Certified Community Action Professionals (CCAP's) in the inaugural class by the National Association of Community Action Agencies (NACAA) at its convention in San Diego.*

1994

- *Voted to create a non-profit to provide micro business and first-time homebuyer loans. The Community Investment Corp. is a C.D.F.I. (Community Development Financial Institution) to whose Board the Commission appoints 51% of its members.*

1995

- *Jesse Washington, Mayor, City of Perris, Public Sector representative, was elected Chairman of the Board for 1995-96.*

1996

- *Lois Carson was elected President of the Board of the Nation Association of Community Action Agencies (NACAA) in Washington, DC and served two terms from 1996-2000.*

1997

- *Virginia MacDonald, Private Sector representative, was elected Chairman of the Board 1997-98.*

1999

- *The Commission voted to support a position of Deputy Director with the Chairman (Virginia MacDonald) chairing the interview process*
- *John Hunt, Mayor of Banning, Public Sector representative was elected Chairman of the Board for 1999-2000.*
- *CAP established Community Investment Corporation, Inc.(CIC) - Becomes a CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution)*

2000

- *Participated in California Mentoring Partnership with First Lady Sharon Davis, on the goal of 1-million mentors; attended first meeting of Pac Bell's Universal Services Task Force (USTF) which is required for seven years as a factor of the Pac Bell/SBC merger.*
- *Past Program Participant, Elaine McFadden wins 2000 National Sargeant Shriver award.*

2001

- *Selected by the Board to implement SB551 follow-up to September 11- - series of Community Dialogues in Riverside, Hemet and Palm Springs.*
- *The Commission adopted a Code of Ethics to govern themselves.*
- *Voted also that "Alternates" will have full privileges re committee service and retreats and selected conferences.*
- *Energy Task Force created to address rising energy rates and their impact on low-income people.*
- *Ron Oden, Public Sector representative, Palm Springs City Council was elected Chairman of the Board for 2001 and relinquished the chair when he was elected Mayor of the City of Palm Springs.*
- *Vice Chair, Deborah Franklin was elected to serve out the term through 2002.*
- *Implemented the Summer Heat Crisis Response, with its signature Cool Center component, following the deregulation of the electric industry in California.*

2002

- *The Commission at a joint retreat with the San Bernardino Commission voted to expand to both counties the I.D.A. program; it is now the Inland Empire I.D.A. Program.*
- *María Juarez became a Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP)*

2003

- *Deborah Franklin, Low-Income representative, District III, was elected Chairman of the Board for full two-year term: 2003-04.*
- *Janet Hough became a Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP)*
- *The Commission recommended and the Board of Supervisors adopted the vision of Bliss County and the goal of ending poverty in 30 years.*

2004

- *Organized an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Network in California.*
- *Symposium I: Alternative Sources of Energy, for locally elected officials at Palm Springs City Hall. Speaker was Mr. Curtis Framel, from US Department of Energy, who summed the day urging the pursuit of alternative sources of energy: "The Southern California desert is the Saudi Arabia of the US; the sun will always shine, the wind will always blow and the ground will always be hot".*
- *CAP Riverside becomes Certifying Organization for the Presidents Volunteer Service Award.*

2005

- *CAP Riverside earned the 2005 Award for Excellence from the National Community Action Partnership (formerly NACAA). Katrina prevented receipt of the award at the national convention slated for New Orleans. A member of the County Board of Supervisors accompanied the delegation to Florida to belatedly receive the award.*

2006

- *William Claire, Private Sector representative, Diocese of San Bernardino, was elected Chairman of the Board for 2005-07.*
- *Symposium II: Solar Energy for Affordable Housing with Diane Grueneich, member of the California Public Utilities Commission who declared all the forces aligned to promote solar exploration.*

2007

- *Lois Carson received the "Lyndon Baines Johnson Human Services Award" from the national Community Action Partnership at its convention in San Diego.*
- *CAP Riverside in partnership with UC Riverside conducts a Cost Benefits Study which indicates a Return on Investment - every \$1 invested in the IDA program returns \$6 of savings to the County.*
- *Debra Jackson and Katherine Latta became Certified Community Action Professionals by National Community Action Partnership in San Diego.*

2008

- *Dr. Shelagh Camak was elected Chairman of the Board for 2008-09.*
- *Hosted Symposium: Poverty & Economic Security at the Morongo Tribal Community Center attended by 250 people.*
- *Open House for newly expanded and renovated office is held on September 15. Brigitte Page Conference Room, Robert Lingafelter Training Room and Lois J. Carson Community Room are dedicated.*
- *CAP Riverside invited to and participates in a national study on Racial Equity and Economic Security funded by the Ford Foundation and held at the Aspen Institute in Aspen Colorado.*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED THE
RESTORATION OF DEPARTMENTAL STATUS TO
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

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2009

- *“Green Energy Symposium”, 3rd Energy Symposium, is held in the City of Riverside; focus was on green and renewable energy technology and jobs. The conference was co-sponsored with CAP Riverside by Riverside Public Utilities.*
- *CAP Riverside initiates a pilot program called Green TEAMWorks (GWT). The program recruits, hires, trains and deploys emancipated foster youth into weatherization and home rehabilitation jobs.*

- *CAP Riverside Cool Centers report a record number of people (17,000) visiting a cool center during the hottest days of the summer months; 46 agencies partnered in 2009. The Cool Centers are energy conservation sites that enable low-income families and residents the opportunity to save on their electric bills. Cool Centers provide water, snacks, energy conservation education, and resource information to visitors. The sites donate space, utilities, and manpower; over 1,575 volunteer hours were donated to this effort.*
- *The CAP Mobile is ready to launch as CAP Riverside's mobile office. It is able to travel to remote parts of the county and bring much needed low-income services to isolated residents.*
- *CAP Riverside is the first community action agency in California to meet the Department of Energy and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) certification to begin the stimulus-funded weatherization program. CAP Riverside subcontractor James D. Restoration weatherized the first house in California on Dec. 15.*

2010

- *Jenice Haskin, Private Sector Representative - District V was elected Chairman of the Board 2010 - 2011.*
- *CAP Riverside celebrates its 30th Anniversary as a community action agency.*

- *CAP Riverside is one of four state weatherization programs to participate in "Solar for All California" by the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). CAP Riverside will install 35 photovoltaic systems on low-income homes in Riverside County; statewide 1,000 low-income homes will receive PV systems under state funding.*
- *Director Lois J. Carson receives a proclamation from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to recognize her retirement and celebrates her farewell, with a CAP Riverside open house.*
- *María Y. Juarez begins service as CAP Riverside Executive Director after being selected by County CEO Bill Luna.*