



## **Riverside County Education Leaders Endorse Benoit For Supervisor**

The Benoit for Supervisor campaign continues to build and attract significant local support and is proud to announce **the endorsements of Kenn Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Education and Dr. David Long, former Riverside County Superintendent of Education and former California State Secretary of Education. Other local education leaders endorsing Benoit include:**

**College of the Desert: Dr. Bill Kroonen, Retired President; John Marman, Chair; Trustees Bonnie Stefan and Charles Hayden Jr.**

**Desert Sands Unified School Board: Doris Wilson, Retired Superintendent; Gary Tomak, President, and Members Don Griffith and Jim Koedyker**

**Coachella Valley Unified School Board: Elizabeth Toledo, President, and Member Joe Murrillo**

“In the Legislature and as a member of the Desert Sands School Board, John has always been a staunch advocate for education. He has continued his appreciation for public education to his new position, where he has held numerous townhalls on identity theft, foreclosure prevention, senior scams, and emergency preparedness. The education community needs his continued representation on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors,” commented Dr. David Long.

“I appreciate the support of so many educational leaders,” said Supervisor John J. Benoit. “I have worked for years with many of these leaders to demand excellence, protect funding and allow local control for school districts and community colleges. I’m confident we’ll continue to find opportunities to work together to positively impact education at the local level.”

In 2003, Benoit was named Legislator of the Year by the California School Boards Association and in 2007 was awarded the Champion for Children Award from the California Association for the Education of Young Children for his tireless efforts to improve California’s educational system.

The Riverside County education leaders join a growing list of local leaders endorsing Benoit for Supervisor, supporters including: **an overwhelming majority of City Councilmembers, all four colleagues on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, former Palm Springs Police Chiefs Don Burnett, Lee Weigel, and Tom Kendra, Four Coachella Valley Water District Directors, Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff, Retired Undersheriff and State Senator Robert Presley, and Former Sheriffs Cois Byrd and Larry Smith.**

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