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## **Riverside Residents Reappointed to Earthquake Commission**

*Riverside Fire Captain and City Councilman contribute knowledge and expertise*

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (June 28, 2013) – Two Riverside city officials have been reappointed to the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission, which recommends how the state can better prepare for earthquakes and reduce the risk of injury and property damage.

Fire Captain Tim Strack of Riverside has served on the commission since 2011. His reappointment was announced by Gov. Brown's office today (6/28).

Riverside City Councilman Mike Gardner was reappointed earlier this month (June, 2013) and serves as the commission's chairman. Gardner has served on the commission since 2010.

Strack, 43, has been a member of the City of Riverside Fire Department since 1995. He previously was a paid-call firefighter at the San Bernardino County Fire Department from 1987-1995 and a reserve deputy sheriff air medic for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Aviation Division from 1992-2002.

"It's an honor to continue to represent Riverside on a commission that deals with such serious issues," Strack said. "I'm very proud to bring the perspective of a firefighter and a River sider to this commission."

Gardner, 65, represents Ward 1 on the Riverside City Council, having been elected in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. A 42-year Riverside resident, Gardner worked for Southern California Edison for 23 years and is a long-time volunteer with the Riverside Fire Department, where he helped with Public Education programs and served on the Department's Disaster Preparedness Committee.

“Riverside is well represented on this important state commission,” Gardner said. “I’m thrilled to be able to work with fire professionals like Tim Strack and others on the commission to help protect Californians and their property from earthquake damage.”

Both positions require Senate confirmation. The compensation is \$100 per diem.