

WHO IS JOSEPH BRINSON?

A Palm Springs Resident who is interested in making a difference in our local government. His professional background focuses on Social Work for the County of Riverside. There he directly impacts the lives of those living with mental health issues, substance abuse and homelessness. His kindness and call to action is natural to him, as his father is a retired clergyman. His upbringing had a strong focus on the concept of service and helping others, and today he continues to do so by helping those who are vulnerable, oppressed and marginalized.

Growing up, Joseph was an active member of his community. He helped found a LGBTQ youth group (Indiana Youth Group). This group is directly responsible for helping start the first hotline run by youth members to help any and all other LGBTQ youth in crisis that is still in operation today.

Since then, he has not stopped working with the LGBTQ community, but he also has discovered a true calling in other aspects of service to the community. He works with homelessness, minority groups, and those who may be struggling with substance abuse by volunteering at treatment centers throughout the Coachella Valley.

Joseph is not new to politics, and here in the Coachella Valley he has volunteered for numerous campaigns with candidates that wanted to make a profound impact on the community they serve. He also is a proud member of SEIU Local 721, Desert Stonewall Democrats, Democrats of the Desert and the National Association of Social Workers.

Joseph earned his M.S.W from California State University San Bernardino. He also holds a BS in Sociology with an emphasis in Social Work from Chapman University and an AA in Alcohol and Drug Studies from the College of the Desert. While maintaining his class load, he was active in Student Government and community outreach to those in need.

He truly believes that he must ensure that the basic human needs of all people are met. He believes in labor rights, and making sure that affordable and low-income housing is accessible for all. When he is at home, he enjoys reading, music, drum corps, and live theatre.