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Riverside Celebrates Race Equality and Inclusive Communities Week

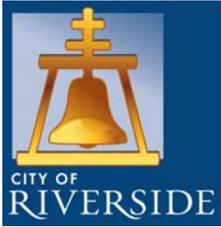
Riverside, CA – To reaffirm its commitment to building healthy communities, the City of Riverside will celebrate the week of September 25 – 29, 2006 in honor of the National League of Cities' (NLC) Seventh Annual Race Equality and Inclusive Communities Week. "Participating in this important week of activities reaffirms Riverside's commitment to building and strengthening inclusive communities, eliminating discrimination, and creating dynamic collaborative solutions that promote racial and ethnic equity," said Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge.

Riverside will commemorate this week through a series of activities and community forums coordinated by the City's Human Relations Commission. Discussion forums include topics such as "Changing Communities" lead by the staff of Fair Housing and the Hispanic Chamber, and "A community for All Generations," led by the Riverside Youth Council. Multicultural reading and craft sessions will precede discussion forums at the Casa Blanca Library, La Sierra Library, and Eastside Cybrary. A full schedule of events will be posted on the City's website at www.riversideca.gov. Session participants will each be invited to participate in a field trip to the Museum of Tolerance in downtown Los Angeles on October 29th.

On Tuesday, September 26, Mayor Loveridge will present a Proclamation to Human Relations Commissioner Aric Isom in recognition of the week. "Riverside residents are reminded every day of the importance of this issue, and we are committed to using the power of inclusiveness as a driving force for stronger, more successful communities and neighborhoods. Race Equality and Inclusive Communities Week is a unique opportunity for Riverside to build on the principles of inclusiveness and harmony," said Mayor Loveridge. On September 18, 2001 Riverside's City Council adopted a set of principles designed to help the City become a truly 21st Century City by building a more inclusive community.

"Race Equality and Inclusive Communities Week" is part of the NLC's "Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities," led by NLC President James Hunt. The partnership seeks to connect the work of cities on equality, fairness and democratic governance.

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Race Equality & Inclusive Communities Week

September 25 – 29, 2006

Schedule of Events

Monday, September 25, 2006

Topic: Changing Communities
Location: Casa Blanca Library, 2985 Madison Street
(951) 826-2120

3:30 p.m. Multicultural reading and Craft
6:00 p.m. Fair Housing

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Topic: Changing Communities
Location: La Sierra Library, 4600 La Sierra Ave.
(951) 688-7740

3:30 p.m. Multicultural Reading and Craft
6 to 8p.m. Hispanic Chamber

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Topic: A Community for All Generations- Teens and Adults Working Together
Location: Eastside Cybrary, 4033-Chicago Avenue
(951) 684-8347

3:45p.m. Multicultural Reading and Craft
6 to 8p.m. Riverside Youth Council

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Location: Main Library, 3581 Mission Inn Ave.
(951) 826-5201

3:30 p.m. Multicultural Reading and Craft
6 to 8 p.m. Library Event