



City of Riverside, California About Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge

Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge is an extraordinary politician, accomplished scholar, and man of unprecedented vision and reach. Ron's enthusiasm and capacity for leadership and collaboration continues to build and engage. You are invited to visit the Mayor's webpage at <http://www.riversideca.gov/mayor/> to view some of his many programs and initiatives, and to read more about his city, regional, state and national leadership.

City Leadership:

Joining the Riverside City Council as Ward 1 Councilmember in 1979, and as Mayor since 1994, Ron has committed himself to all aspects of local governance. The Office of the Mayor has a threefold mission. One, it provides leadership and works with the City Council in developing public policy that furthers the vision, and the reality, of Riverside as an exciting, diverse, urban and successful city. It conducts best practices analyses, consults with the community and proposes policy calls for adoption by the City Council and implementation by the City Manager. Recent focus has included response to the economic downturn, including Co-Chairing the Western Riverside Red Team seeking solutions to the housing crisis. Two, the Office of the Mayor provides leadership and support to residents and businesses by representing their interests within the city organization, bringing them to the table to work together on City issues and opportunities. Creating working groups and task forces of community leaders, he initiates examination and improvement of our city, such as through: SmartRiverside, Mayor's Multicultural Forum, Transportation Accountability Performance (TAP), Economic Development Advisors Council, Workforce Advisory Performance (WAP), Cultural Accountability Performance (CAP), Green Advisory Performance (GAP), and the Higher Education Business Council, to name a few. The Human Relations Commission (HRC), Mayor's Commission on Aging, and Mayor's Model Deaf Community Committee are all key standing commissions that the Mayor's Office staffs. Three, the Mayor acts as the chief spokesperson and ambassador of the City.

Regional and State Leadership:

Mayor Loveridge is a highly regarded regional and state politician. His leadership at the State level is highlighted by his Presidency of the League of California Cities in 2003/04 as he led the charge to pass Proposition 1A. He continues to be very involved on the Board of the League, making policy calls and decisions on behalf of the 478 member cities across the state of California. His regional and statewide service includes Board roles on: the California Air Resources Board appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Southern California Association of Governments, March Joint Powers Authority, and Western Riverside Council of Governments.

National Leadership:

Mayor Loveridge represents Riverside, and cities across the country, through his leadership with the National League of Cities since 2004. This prominent national lobbying, advocacy and leadership organization asserts cities' interests at the federal level. Ron was recently elected as 1st Vice President of the organization, and he will ascend to presidency in 2010. Working with the new Presidential Administration provides an unprecedented opportunity for Ron to bring to bear new resources and opportunities for the City of Riverside and cities across the nation.
