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PREVIOUS HERO AWARD WINNERS

2007	La Sierra University SIFE Team
2005	Congressman Ken Calvert
2006	The City of Riverside–Renaissance Program
2004	Riverside Olympians: Joanna Hayes, Chaunte Howard, Stephanie Nesbitt
2003	Duane R. Roberts
2002	La Sierra University SIFE Team
2001	Dr. Raymond Orbach, Chancellor of the University of California, Riverside
2000	University of California Riverside, Division I Athletics
1999	Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention Organizing Committee and the Medal of Honor Memorial Committee
1998	Riverside All-America City Committee and Delegation
1997	California Inland Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America Philmont Expedition
1996 & 1995	UCR Scientists & Administrators who were elected to the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science
1994	Johnny Thomas and the Students In Free Enterprise from La Sierra University
1993	Arlington High School Mock Trial Team
1992	Gary Locke, Riverside Community College, Band Director

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AGENDA

Call to Order



Invocation



Pledge of Allegiance



Lunch



Introduction of Elected Officials



Beautification Awards



Hero Award



Mayor's Address

Special Acknowledgements:

Michael Elderman Photography • Milestone Media
Riverside Convention Center

RIVERSIDE EXHIBITS

Meet Your Councilmember

Ward 1: Mike Gardner

Ward 2: Andy Melendrez

Ward 3: Rusty Bailey

Ward 4: Frank Schiavone

Ward 5: Chris MacArthur

Ward 6: Nancy Hart

Ward 7: Steve Adams

How We Work

Mayor's Business Visits

Riverside Renaissance

WIFI/Digital Inclusion

International Trade / IRC Sister Cities

Citywide Internship Program

How We Get Around

Traffic Projects - Riverside County
Transportation and Caltrans

University Pass -
Riverside Transit Agency

Grade Separations

How We Play

Government TV / City Awards

Santa Ana Parkway

Riverside Youth Council

City of the Arts

How We Learn

California Baptist University

La Sierra University

Riverside City College

University of California, Riverside

Alvord Unified School District

Riverside Unified School District

How We Live

Neighborhood Livability

Clean & Green / Habitat for Humanity

Call Center 311 City of Riverside

Riverside Neighborhood Partnership /
Mayor's Night Out

How We Shop

Canyon Crest Towne Centre

Galleria at Tyler

Main Street, Downtown

Mission Grove Shopping Center

Riverside Plaza

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS



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 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 (CAP), 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.