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Riverside Mayor recognized as Energy Efficiency Champion by So Cal Gas

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) recently recognized Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge for his leadership in promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy in the Inland Empire. The “Energy-Efficiency Champion” award was presented at SoCalGas’ Business Expo in Pomona, Calif. in front of 300 business representatives and community leaders who gathered to learn about ways to save money and energy through the latest green technologies and utility programs.

According to a release by SoCalGas, Hal D. Snyder, vice president of customer solutions at SoCalGas applauded Mayor Loveridge for his hard work and leadership in the areas of energy efficiency, environmental conservation and clean air efforts saying, “His guidance in supporting and implementing energy-efficiency programs has provided significant economic and environmental benefits to residents in the City of Riverside and the state.”

The City of Riverside and SoCalGas have collaborated on various successful energy-efficiency projects, including projects at the city’s wastewater treatment facility, Riverside Community College District, Riverside City College Aquatic Center, and the University of California, Riverside.

“I am proud to receive the Energy Champion, especially since it is an area I have advocated in for many years, and I thank the SoCalGas Company for this honor,” said Mayor Loveridge. “Riverside’s recognition as a Model Solar City, and our continuing energy and sustainability successes, many arising out of the Clean & Green Taskforce I appointed back in 2005, is extremely gratifying.”

The City of Riverside has one of the largest public access CNG fueling stations in SoCalGas’ service territory. Its fleet has been recognized as one of the top 100 fleets in the U.S. and has one of the strongest Clean Cities coalitions in the nation.

Mayor Loveridge has 33 years of public service – as a Riverside Councilmember beginning in 1979 and as Mayor since 1994. He is a highly regarded regional, state and national leader. At the national level, he continues to be very involved on the Executive Committee and Board of the National League of Cities, after serving as President of the organization in 2010, making policy calls and decisions on behalf of some 19,000 cities and towns across the nation. Mayor Loveridge was recently inducted into the National Academy of Public Policy. His statewide and regional service includes active Board roles on the broadest array of important organizations: the California Air Resources Board, California Forward Action Fund, California Competes, South Coast Air Quality

Management District, Southern California Association of Governments, Western Riverside Council of Governments, and Inland Empire Economic Partnership. A Stanford doctoral graduate, Mayor Loveridge continues to teach an extremely popular political science course each year at UC Riverside.

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