



City of Riverside, California

About Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge

Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge is widely acclaimed as an extraordinary politician, accomplished scholar, and man of unprecedented vision and reach. Please 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:

With 32 years of public service – as the Ward 1 Councilmember beginning 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 - the City of Arts & Innovation. 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. 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, Ron initiates examination and improvement of our city, such as through: SmartRiverside, Mayor's Multicultural Forum, Transportation Accountability Performance (TAP), Council of Economic and Workforce Advisors (CEWA), Cultural Accountability Performance (CAP), Green Advisory Performance (GAP), and the Higher Education Business Council (HEBC), to name just 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. Last, the Mayor acts as the chief spokesperson for, 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 Executive Committee and Board of the League, making policy calls and decisions on behalf of the 474 member cities across the state of California. His regional and statewide service includes active Board roles on the broadest array of important organizations: 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 and towns across the country, through his leadership with the National League of Cities, since 2004. This prominent national lobbying, advocacy and leadership organization asserts the interests of the some 19,000 cities and towns across the country at the federal level. In 2010, Ron was the President of this Washington, D.C. based organization; an historic time requiring strong leadership and advocacy on jobs and economic growth among other federal priorities, and in 2011 he served on the Executive Committee as its immediate Past President. Ron was recently inducted into a prestigious national think tank, the National Academy of Public Administration.