



**For Immediate Release**

**Date: January 30, 2017**

**Contact: Janice Penner, Executive Director**

**Direct: 951-781-7339, Email: [Janice@riversidedowntown.org](mailto:Janice@riversidedowntown.org)**

## **Riverside Downtown Partnership Celebrates Downtown Achievements**

**Riverside, CA.** The Riverside Downtown Partnership (RDP) will host its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at the Historic Mission Inn Hotel and Spa. This annual event recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations for their excellence in leadership and service to the downtown community.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

**Chair's Award** – Dr. Wolde-Ab for his leadership with both Riverside City College and the Riverside Centennial Plaza project.

**Arts and Culture** – RCCD Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties for dialogue on historical and contemporary social issues through dynamic exhibits and community participation.

**Business Activity** – Live Nation for programming at both the Fox PAC and the Municipal Auditorium to bring attendees downtown.

**Downtown Event** – Show and Go Car Show for Charity for its celebration of cars and contributions to charities.

**Downtown Improvement** – Riverside Community College District for the Centennial Plaza project.

**Downtown Safety and Security** – Riverside Police Foundation for its work with youth at risk.

RDP will also host the presentation of the annual **Roy Hord 'Volunteer of the Year' Award**. This year's recipient is Michael Mihelich for his years of volunteer work with the Kiwanis Club of Riverside and Longfellow School.

The RDP Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony will begin with a no-host reception at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner, the awards ceremony, and then recognition of outgoing and incoming RDP Board members. Tickets are \$73 per person or \$675 for a table of ten. To purchase tickets or a table, call the RDP office at 951-781-7335.

---

## **About Riverside Downtown Partnership (RDP)**

RDP is a not-for-profit organization that was formed in 1981 to advocate for a better downtown. RDP manages Downtown Riverside's Business Improvement District. RDP's mission is to promote, represent, and manage an environment to support downtown Riverside as a regional destination for economic, arts, cultural and residential uses.