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

**Riverside, CA.** The Riverside Downtown Partnership (RDP) will host its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 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** – Stan Morrison for his tireless efforts on behalf of downtown and Riverside organizations and activities

**Arts and Culture** – Riverside Repertory Theater for providing professional theater utilizing the Box in the Fox Performing Arts Center

**Business Activity** – Riverside Community Hospital for its impact on the health care sector of downtown Riverside

**Downtown Event** – Long Night of Arts and Innovation for celebrating arts and science through the City's cultural and education institutions

**Downtown Improvement** – Loft.84 for its adaptive renovation of the second floor of the historic Aurea Vista building

**Downtown Safety and Security** – Riverside Police Department for the positive impact of the enhanced foot and bike patrols.

RDP will also host the presentation of the annual Roy Hord 'Volunteer of the Year' Award. This award was established in 2003 in honor of the late Roy Hord who was a RDP Board member and an outstanding volunteer on behalf of the Riverside community. The Hord family selects the recipient each year from nominations received. RDP is currently accepting nominations for this award. The nomination form is available for download on the RDP website; [www.riversidedowntown.org](http://www.riversidedowntown.org). The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 8, 2016.

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 \$65 per person or \$600 for a table of ten if purchased prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>, and then \$70 per person or \$650 for a table of ten thereafter.

**To purchase tickets or a table, call the RDP office at 951-781-7335.**

Sponsorship opportunities are available, ranging from Event Sponsor at \$1,500 to Friend of RDP Sponsor at \$250. All sponsors receive a number of complimentary tickets and recognition in print material and social media depending on the level of sponsorship. RDP is also looking for donated items such as tickets, gift certificates, and gift baskets for the opportunity drawing. All proceeds raised are used to offset the costs of the Annual Meeting and Awards. To sponsor or donate, contact the RDP Office at 951-781-7335.

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### **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 vision of Downtown Riverside is the regional destination for businesses and service industries. With employment opportunities and attractive locations for growth, downtown Riverside is recognized for the quality of its cultural life, concentration of arts, educational programs, and urban living opportunities.

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.

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