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**Don't miss your chance to experience Downtown Riverside's Doors Open Event**  
*Join us Thursday May 10, 2018 from 6 to 9 p.m.*



RIVERSIDE, CA – The Doors Open event is back and it's FREE! The City of Riverside, in partnership with the Riverside Downtown Partnership and the Mission Inn Museum and Foundation, are hosting the City's third annual Doors Open event. Doors Open events began over 30 years ago in France and has since spread across Europe, North America, and Australia. These events provide free access to captivating historic sites that are usually closed to the public. By opening the doors to these architectural gems, event organizers hope to increase awareness of historic architecture and the community's collective heritage.

Select buildings across Riverside will open their doors and guests will tour and learn about each one's intriguing history. Tours begin at 6 p.m. and occur every twenty

minutes. Visitors can stop at the event's information station located outside the Main Library and pick up a map or use the website to locate participating buildings and get directions.

Some of the historic buildings that will be opening their doors include: The Riverside Municipal Auditorium, First Church of Christ Scientist, First Congregational Church, Universalist Unitarian Church, the RCC Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties (former Citrus Trust), the Culver Center for the Arts (former Rouse Department Store), the Arcade Building occupied by Krieger & Stewart, Loft.84 in the Aurea Vista Building, the Bonnett Building and more. New for 2018 is the Riverside County Superior Court and White Park.

[DoorsOpenRiverside.com](http://DoorsOpenRiverside.com) – Please visit the website to review the complete list of participating locations, view images and restaurant specials only available during the event.

[YouTube Promotional Video](#)

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

RDP is a not-for-profit organization 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. Its mission reflects its belief that doing so encourages strong businesses, a vibrant cultural community, and residential developments critical to a vibrant downtown.

### **About the Mission Inn Foundation**

The Mission Inn Foundation was incorporated in 1976 to assist in the preservation and restoration of the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa, and originally, to manage the hotel during ownership by the City of Riverside's Redevelopment Agency. The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa is now privately owned by Duane and Kelly Roberts, and the Foundation has a unique role of operating a non-profit museum within a for-profit hotel. In addition to the museum, the Mission Inn Foundation interprets the history and significance of the Mission Inn through daily hotel tours, monthly public programs and special events, the Hands On History youth educational initiative, and the continued stewardship of the hotel's expansive art, artifact, and archival collections.

### **About Riverside**

As the City of Arts & Innovation, Riverside, California is rich in history and culture and is setting the pace in innovative practices for government, business and education. With a population of just over 300,000, Riverside is the largest city in the Inland Southern California region, the 12th largest city in California, and the 6th largest in Southern California. Riverside is home to four internationally recognized universities and colleges that support a growing college student population of nearly 50,000. Businesses and residents in Riverside benefit from city-owned electrical and water systems, high-speed fiber optic telecommunications, an easily-accessed freeway system, BNSF and UP rail access, and a large corporate jet and general aviation airport.

With standards of excellence in technology, workforce development, arts, innovation, education and social capital, the City has been ranked #5 in Digital Cities Survey (Center for Digital Government 2017); # 8<sup>th</sup> in the Metro Area for Retaining College Grads (City Lab 2017); and #7 Most Popular City Where Everyone Wants to Live (Business Insider 2017).

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