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## Riverside Downtown Partnership Celebrates Downtown Achievements

**Riverside, CA.** The Riverside Downtown Partnership (RDP) will host its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 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:

**Arts and Culture** – Mission Inn Foundation and Museum for its commitment to preserving the history and heritage of the Historic Mission Inn.

**Business Activity** – Arteco Partners for the Riverside Food Lab which activated a critical space downtown with a unique dining concept.

**Downtown Event** – Riverside Art Alliance for the Riverside Art Market which provides an opportunity for local artists and artisans to market their creations.

**Downtown Improvement** – Ratkovich Properties for Imperial Hardware Lofts and the adaptive reuse of a historic façade and infill of a former parking lot.

**Downtown Safety and Security** - Riverside Fire Department Office of Emergency Management for disaster preparedness.

**Chair's Award** – Mark Rubin Mark Rubin for his contributions to the development of both Class A office and residential properties, and to the community and many organizations in Riverside.

RDP will also host the presentation of the annual **Roy Hord 'Volunteer of the Year' Award**. This year's recipient is Kathleen Hartman who is being recognized for her volunteer service with various Riverside organizations including Kiwanis Club of Uptown Riverside, Riverside Arts Academy, Janet Goeske Senior Center, and the Riverside University Health System.

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 \$75 per person or \$700 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.