



# City of La Quinta

**CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE:** December 16, 2014

**ITEM TITLE:** APPROVE A RECIPIENT FOR THE 2015 SENIOR INSPIRATION AWARD PROGRAM

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** 13

**STUDY SESSION:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve a recipient for the 2015 Senior Inspiration Award Program.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- The Riverside County's Senior Inspiration Award Program provides the opportunity to recognize and honor outstanding senior citizens for their volunteer involvement throughout the Coachella Valley.
- Each city in the Coachella Valley nominates one resident to be recognized for this program.
- City staff issued requests for qualified nominees and received two.
- The Community Services Commission reviewed both nominations and is recommending Dick Anderson as the recipient of the award from the City of La Quinta.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

Every year, the County of Riverside and the Coachella Valley's nine cities each select a senior citizen who demonstrates "a zest for physical and mental well-being through volunteerism and active engagement in the community." City staff sent a request for nominations (Attachment 1) to the following organizations: La Quinta Chamber of Commerce, La Quinta Historical Society, La Quinta Rotary Club, Friends of the La Quinta Library, La Quinta Arts Foundation, Friends of the La Quinta Senior Center, and Soroptimist International of La Quinta.

Two nominations were received:

Dick Anderson (submitted by the La Quinta Rotary); and  
Don Adolph (submitted by the La Quinta Historical Society).

Only one nomination can be submitted from each Coachella Valley city. Both nominees met the criteria for the award, which include being at least 70 years old, residing or volunteering in La Quinta, demonstrating active involvement in community affairs, and personifying a healthy and active attitude and lifestyle. The Community Services Commission reviewed the applications and recommended Mr. Anderson as the 2015 Senior Inspiration Award recipient. Mr. Anderson was nominated, but not chosen for this award in 2014.. Attachments 2 and 3 provide biographical summaries of each nominee.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the La Quinta Rotary and has been an active member of Rotary International for over 20 years. He helps to secure funds through grant writing for La Quinta High School scholarships that are awarded each year to deserving students. Mr. Anderson has also volunteered on several projects in the Coachella Valley and abroad. He has worked to secure funding to bring clean water to four trailer parks in Thermal, Mecca and Oasis. He was also part of the Guatemala Literacy Project that provided text books and computers to impoverished schools in that area.

The award will be presented at the Senior Inspiration Awards Luncheon held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs in Palm Desert.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Council may opt to select Mr. Adolph as the recipient for the 2015 Senior Inspiration Award Program.

Report prepared by: Christina Calderon, Recreation Supervisor

Report approved for submission by: Edie Hylton, Community Services Director

- Attachments:
1. Letter requesting nominations
  2. Biographical information for Dick Anderson
  3. Biographical information for Don Adolph

October 15, 2014

Dear:

Since 1992, the County of Riverside and the nine incorporated cities of the Coachella Valley have sponsored the annual Senior Inspiration Awards. Each city selects one recipient (a single man or woman) as their outstanding senior recipient for this event. This year the event will be held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs in Palm Desert.

Please submit one or more names, along with a brief summary (maximum 150 words) on why you chose that person. The following is the criteria:

- The honoree should be at least 70 years old or older;
- Reside in La Quinta;
- Be actively involved in community affairs for a lengthy period of time;
- Deserves to receive recognition and/or may not otherwise receive recognition for their service to the community;
- Personify a healthy, active and contributing attitude and lifestyle.

Nomination forms are enclosed for your selections. Please complete one or more and return to Christina Calderon at City Hall, 78-495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, CA 92253 no later than November 24, 2015.

Thank you for your assistance. It is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

DON ADOLPH, Mayor  
City of La Quinta

Enclosure

cc: City Council  
Edie Hylton, Community Services Director  
Christina Calderon, Recreation Supervisor





## 2015 Senior Inspiration Awards Nomination Form

Eligible recipients must:

- be at least 70 years old
- reside and/or volunteer in nominating city
- be actively involved in community affairs for a lengthy period of time
- deserve to receive recognition and/or may not otherwise receive recognition for their service to the community
- personify a healthy, active, and contributing attitude and lifestyle

### Recipient Information

Name: Don Adolph

Phone number: 760-771-0577

Mailing address: 55105 Riviera La Quinta, CA

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination:

Don Adolph has been an active member in the La Quinta Chamber of Commerce, the La Quinta Arts Foundation, the La Quinta Historical Society and the Friends of the La Quinta Library. He is also a member of the La Quinta Rotary and has served for many years as Chair of the PGA West Architectural Committee.

Don Adolph served on the La Quinta Planning Commission before being elected to city council in 1995. In 2002 he was elected Mayor and re-elected to that position in 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010. As Mayor of La Quinta he has served on the Sunline Executive Board, the Joint Water Policy Advisory Committee and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments Executive Committee.

Quote from nominating city or organization about the recipient and their volunteer work:

"As mayor, Don Adolph's door was always open to every citizen of La Quinta." – submitted by La Quinta Historical Society.

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Please return completed nomination form to Christina Calderon **no later than November 25, 2014**. Forms can be emailed to [ccalderon@la-quinta.org](mailto:ccalderon@la-quinta.org) or mailed to City of La Quinta 78-450 Avenida La Fonda La Quinta, CA 92253.



**2015 Senior Inspiration Awards**  
City Nomination Form  
Recipient Information

Name: Dick Anderson

Phone No: Cell 760-799-9623 Home 760 345-4286

Mailing Address: 60445 Juniper Lane, La Quinta CA.92253

Email Address: [anderassociates@aol.com](mailto:anderassociates@aol.com)

Reason for nomination:

Dick Anderson was the driving force this year to bring clean water to 4 trailer parks located in Thermal, Mecca and Oasis. These trailer parks will not be on line with Indio Water for many years and have contaminates in the water including arsenic. Dick secured the funds to install water filters in 4 trailer parks. He is still working with agencies to secure more funds for future trailer parks and ongoing servicing.

Dick Anderson is also an important part of a program called the Guatemala Literacy Project, which brings badly needed text books and computers to impoverished schools in remote areas of Guatemala. He has been a fund raiser and hands on steward of this project for many years and returns to Guatemala often to help the project.

Dick has also secured funds as the grant writer for La Quinta High School scholarships that La Quinta Rotary gives every year to deserving students.

Quote from nominating city or organization about the recipient and their volunteer work:

Dick Anderson has been a member of Rotary International for over 20 years and is a member of La Quinta Rotary. He is the first to volunteer for any community event La Quinta Rotary supports and other projects in La Quinta.

Submitted by:

Sandy Stewart

President la Quinta Rotary 2013-14

