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## NEIGHBORHOOD SUCCESS STORY



### WHAT IS NUSA?

Neighborhoods U.S.A. (NUSA)  
is all about neighborhoods.

**NUSA** is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations.

Created in 1975 to share information and experiences used to build stronger communities, **NUSA** continues to encourage networking and information-sharing to **facilitate the development of partnerships** among neighborhood organizations, government and the private sector for the ultimate goal of strengthening every neighborhood





### RNP NUSA HISTORY

The **RNP** was formed in the City of Riverside by our former Mayor, Ron Loveridge after participating in the **1994 NUSA conference** in Pasadena.

**The Mayor's office invited 36 Riverside residents, community organizations to attend the conference.**

The framework for the RNP came from one of the workshops which was facilitated by the **Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership**



The first **Riverside Neighborhood Conference** was held on June 10, 1995 at the Sierra Middle School.

Over 150 residents attended this conference. Attendees were selected to serve on the newly created **Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP) Board.**

The Annual Neighborhood Conference were held in various community venues up through 2015



### MOBILIZING NEIGHBORHOODS - BUILDING SOCIAL CAPITAL





The Neighborhood Engagement Division is working to bring tools and trainings that were conducted at the annual conference out to local neighborhoods in new ways



**Neighbor 2 Neighbor  
La Sierra South**



**Castleview Arroyo Project**

**The RNP supports the formation of local neighborhood groups**



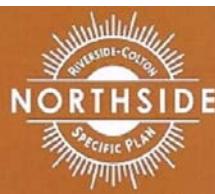
## Housing First

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## INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Riverside has questioned warehouses in neighboring communities but has plenty of its own. Plans for the Northside neighborhood and Sycamore Canyon Business Park have raised concerns about the proximity to homes, truck traffic and air quality. The city has 24.7 million square feet of warehouses, mostly in four areas.



**The RNP supports education, engagement & advocacy on issues impacting our neighborhoods**



## NEIGHBORHOOD HERO BETH O'LEARY

**BETH O'LEARY**  
"Beth is an individual who has such a big heart. She enhances the neighborhood with her generosity, compassion for her neighbors in need and is one of the first to take action." She is what makes our neighborhood and Riverside a warm and welcoming city. Some examples are, tree trimming a 50' tree for an elderly neighbor, bringing together a group of neighbors to clean out a homeless encampment in the neighborhood, and rescuing 19 senior cats that needed

homes due to the owner's death. (note: *all cats found new homes due to Beth's efforts*)

Beth is also an artist who creates beautiful glass art and sculptures for neighbors. (*"Songs from the Sun"*) She truly brings "karma" to the Wood Streets. She is someone who leads with her heart .... We are very fortunate to have her as our neighbor and our friend.



## The RNP celebrates local neighborhood groups & neighbors



**NEIGHBORHOODS USA 2019** is an opportunity to invest into training local residents, service organizations, faith based groups, city government, and others, on best practices on how to connect, educate, communicate, and advocate on issues that impact our neighborhoods. This is our mission as your **RNP**

We encourage you and your Legislative Field Representative to attend and assist the RNP in recruiting other organizations to attend **NUSA 2019**.

**Riverside will be presenting (8) workshops at NUSA. Join us and help your constituents become an active voice for their neighborhood.**



**The RNP supports A.B.C.D. (asset based community development)**



## RNP MISSION

to **connect & unite** community members with neighbors, groups, and resources to **facilitate** community engagement, improve our quality of life, and build a sense of place through outreach, information & advocacy.

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*“Often when you think you’re at the end of something, you’re at the beginning of something else.”*

*Fred Rogers*