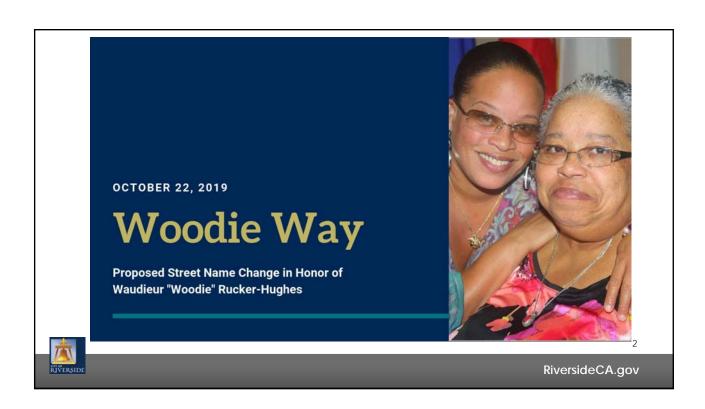


# Street Renaming to Honor Waudieur Woodie Rucker-Hughes

NAACP Riverside Branch Office of the Mayor Councilmember Gardner

City Council Meeting October 22, 2019

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### Honoring Woodie

**Woodie Way** 

Inspired by Dr. King's words when she attended the March on Washington at 16 years old, Woodie Rucker-Hughes spent her adult life as an advocate for "the least, the lost, and the last." She was a champion for social justice. For many, she was a beacon of hope, serving simultaneously as a guide, an access point, a connector between what is plausible and what is possible.



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Woodie was the longtime president of the Riverside Branch of the NAACP and an advocate for the homeless. She mentored foster youth through her work in the Riverside Unified School District, and viewed service to others as more than just a job. Like her hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., she had the drum major instinct. Woodie was a model of love, moral excellence, and generosity.





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**Woodie Way** 

A citizen. A beacon. A drum major. A remarkable woman and community leader. Woodie earns the "citizen of the year" moniker every year in our hearts due to her giving spirit, her love for others, and her understanding that excellence is not a skill, it is an attitude, which is another lesson she learned from her parents: "GOOD, BETTER, BEST, NEVER LET THEM REST UNTIL THE GOOD BECOMES BETTER AND THE BETTER BECOMES BEST!"

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## Woodie's Awards in Riverside

- Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award
- Dr. Carlos E. Cortes Award for Championing Diversity and Inclusivity
- Art Pick Outstanding Leadership Riverside Alumni Award
- Advocate for Justice Award by the Inland Empire Latino Lawyers' Association
- Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award

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