



Street Renaming to Honor Waudieur Woodie Rucker-Hughes

NAACP Riverside Branch
Office of the Mayor
Councilmember Gardner


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Woodie Way

Proposed Street Name Change in Honor of
Waudieur "Woodie" Rucker-Hughes



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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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Woodie Way



**Met with City
Planning Division to
Discuss Options**



**Walked
Neighborhood to
Notify Neighbors**



**Mailed Letter of
Notification to
Neighbors**



**Invited Community
and Stakeholders to
Discussion Today**



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The NAACP Riverside Branch, with the support of Mayor Bailey and Councilman Gardner, recommends renaming part of Prospect Ave to "Woodie Way." To honor Riverside's beloved Waudieur "Woodie" Rucker-Hughes, the newly renamed street would stretch from Saunders St. to 15th St.



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