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## **SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS LEADS BOARD IN RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF LYNWOOD'S 'ALL-AMERICA CITY' AWARD**

**LOS ANGELES** – Recognizing the best of the Second District and the nation, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today saluted the City of Lynwood, recently named one of ten cities nationwide to receive the prestigious “All-America City” Award.

The National Civic League announced the winners of the 61st annual All-America City Award at its recent ceremony in Kansas City, MO. Lynwood, which competed against 25 other cities in the final round of competition, was one of two California cities recognized as champions. Lynwood last received the honor in 1961 and was a finalist in 1991. The other California city recognized this year was Rancho Cordova.

Each year the National Civic League recognizes neighborhoods, villages, towns, cities, counties and metro regions for outstanding civic accomplishments. To win, communities must demonstrate the ability to address serious challenges with innovative, grassroots strategies that promote civic engagement and cooperation between the public, private and nonprofit sectors. More than 600 communities compete annually for the All-America City Award.

“The Second District – Lynwood, in particular – has a very distinctive history in the competition,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said. “It is my pleasure to recognize the City of Lynwood for its great achievements and enthusiasm for providing resourceful and innovative solutions to the challenges its residents face.”

The Supervisor noted that four Second District cities have earned the award since the program's inception by the National Civic League. Lynwood joins Inglewood, the 2009 winner, as one of only three L.A. County cities to be named an All-America City more than once.

The 2010 entry guidelines required cities to submit three projects that manifested their character as an All-America City.

Lynwood's entry included their "Brush with Kindness" program, in which they partnered with Habitat for Humanity and County employees to renovate a Lynwood resident's home.

Additionally, the City showcased its advanced surveillance camera program, which is operated in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department.

On hand for the presentation were Lynwood Mayor Maria Santillan, Mayor Pro-Tem Aide Castro, Councilmember Jim Morton, City Manager Roger L. Haley, and City Administrative Analyst Daniel Baker.

"Please continue to show the positive, cooperative, and enlightened partnership between your residents and you. Your work to maintain a healthy, safe, and uplifting environment that is an example for all Second District communities to follow," the Supervisor told the city leaders and supporters in the audience.

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