

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Recommendation to recognize Owen H. Griffith as a recipient of the 41st Annual Older Americans Recognition Award

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission on Aging and the Community Services Director recommend that Your Honorable Body recognize Owen H. Griffith as a recipient of the County of Los Angeles 41st Annual Older Americans Recognition Award and present him with an appropriately inscribed plaque.

Funding

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND

At their meeting of March 14, 2006, the Commission on Aging recommended that Owen H. Griffith be recognized with the Older Americans Award for 2006. The Commission traditionally selects one to six seniors to be recognized by the Torrance City Council each year, and has been making recommendations for these awards for over 27 years. The Commission also selected Owen H. Griffith to be honored by the County of Los Angeles at its 41st Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Ceremony on May 17, 2006.

ANALYSIS

Dr. Owen H. Griffith has a long and distinguished record of volunteer service to the City of Torrance. He serves actively on the boards of the Torrance Symphony, Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, South Bay Conservatory, Torrance Performing Arts Consortium, Arts Council of Torrance, and South Bay Ballet. He is a proud member of and booking agent for the Rusty Steel Drum Band and also volunteers his time every year to settle the military service representatives into their places at the Armed Forces Day display areas. Dr. Griffith has also remained active on the educational scene. Previously a Torrance Board of

Education member for 28 years, he now serves as Personnel Commissioner. In the Chamber of Commerce Mentor Program, he is paired with a North High School sophomore. He helps direct the Symphony Young Musician Concerto Competition as well as the Arts Council's Graduating Student Arts Competition. He continues to serve on the board of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center's Foundation and the Los Angeles County Committee for School District Organization. For his tireless efforts, Dr. Griffith is most deserving of this special recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

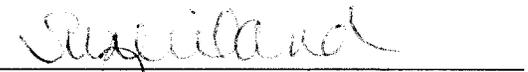
COMMISSION ON AGING


Arthur L. Callen, Chairperson

CONCUR:

GENE BARNETT
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR


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Community Services Director

By 
Suzie Wand
Senior Recreation Supervisor

NOTED:


LeROY J. JACKSON
City Manager

Attachment: A) Excerpt of Minutes dated March 14, 2006

ATTACHMENT A

EXCERPT OF MINUTES

Minutes Approved
 X Minutes Subject to Approval

March 14, 2006

***MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING***

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Callen at 9:45 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Breaker, Cardella, Craft, Clutter (present for 2/3 of meeting), Griffith, Virobik and Callen

Excused Absent: Dean

Staff: Wand

9. OLDER AMERICAN MONTH RECOGNITION

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Commissioner Callen, seconded by Commissioner Craft to select Owen Griffith for the 2006 Older Americans Award. The MOTION carried unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Craft, seconded by Commissioner Virobik to purchase four tickets for the L.A. County Older Americans Awards Ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The MOTION carried unanimously.

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