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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 11 Resolution# 10- 183 Council District:

For Meeting of January 19, 2010
(Adoption Date)

A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING THE "CITY COUNCIL *EMERITUS/EMERITA* PROGRAM" TO RECOGNIZE FORMER CITY OF LAS CRUCES ELECTED OFFICIALS.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION: To implement a program to recognize the past, present, and future contributions of former Mayors Pro Tempore and former City Councillors.

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Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Originating Department			Budget	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2107
			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2271
Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2128	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2076

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The implementation of the "City Council *Emeritus/Emerita* Program" will recognize former Mayors Pro Tempore and former City Councillors who continue to be leaders in our community. In commemoration of their contributions to the City, the "City Council *Emeritus/Emerita* Program" would confer the honorary title of *emeritus/emmerita* as a well deserved, distinctive honor.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Fund Name / Account Number	Amount of Expenditure	Budget Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A

1. Resolution.
2. Guidelines for Recognizing Former City of Las Cruces Elected Officials, Exhibit "A" attached to the Resolution.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Resolution. This means that the City Council *Emeritus/Emerita* Program will be implemented to recognize former City of Las Cruces elected officials.
2. Do not approve the Resolution. This means there will not be a City Council *Emeritus/Emerita* Program.
3. Modify the Resolution and provide further direction to staff.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

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The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, former Mayors Pro Tempore and former City Councillors continue to be leaders in our community; and

WHEREAS, implementing a program which confers the honorary title of *Emeritus/Emerita* on former Mayors Pro Tempore and former City Councillors will serve as a distinctive honor as they continue their endeavors in the community; and

WHEREAS, *emeritus* is defined by the *Merriam Webster Dictionary* as “one retired from professional life but permitted to retain as an honorary title the rank of last office held;” and

WHEREAS, *emerita* is the Latin feminine form of *emeritus*; and

WHEREAS, under the City Council *Emeritus/Emerita* Program the title of *emeritus/emerita* may be conferred upon former Mayors Pro Tempore and former City Councillors to commemorate their contributions to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES:

(I)

THAT the City Council *Emeritus/Emerita* Program is implemented in accordance with the Guidelines attached as Exhibit “A” to honor former Mayors Pro Tempore and City Councillors of the City of Las Cruces.

(II)

THAT the Mayor and staff are authorized to do all deeds necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

DONE AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____ 2010.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

{SEAL}

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Mayor Miyagishima:	_____
Councillor Silva:	_____
Councillor Connor:	_____
Councillor Pedroza:	_____
Councillor Small:	_____
Councillor Sorg:	_____
Councillor Thomas:	_____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Handwritten Signature]

City Attorney



The City Council Emeritus/Emerita Program

Guidelines for Recognizing Former City of Las Cruces Elected Officials

The following guidelines shall be followed regarding the recognition of former City of Las Cruces elected officials under the City Council Emeritus/Emerita Program.

- The title of *emeritus/emerita* should appear as: Jane S. Doe, Mayor Pro Tempore *Emerita* or John S. Doe, Las Cruces City Councillor *Emeritus*.
- Former Mayors of the City of Las Cruces are excluded from the City Council *Emeritus/Emerita* Program.
- The recipient must be at least 65 years of age to participate in the City Council *Emeritus/Emerita* Program.
- The recipient of the title of *emeritus/emerita* cannot use the City of Las Cruces logo in conjunction with the recipient's name on letterhead or business cards.
- The title of *emeritus/emerita* cannot be used for endorsement or political purposes.