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**Council Action and Executive Summary**

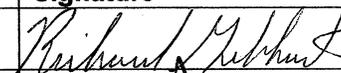
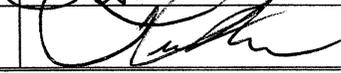
Item # 11      Resolution# 10- 216      Council District:     

**For Meeting of March 1, 2010**

(Adoption Date)

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FORMER MAYOR PRO TEM GENE KENNON AS GENE KENNON, MAYOR PRO TEM EMERITUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY COUNCIL EMERITUS/EMERITA PROGRAM.**

**PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:** To recognize the past, present, and future contributions of former Mayor Pro Tem Gene Kennon.

<b>Name of Drafter:</b> Trey Williams/ Monica Campbell		<b>Department:</b> Legal		<b>Phone:</b> 541-2128	
<b>Department</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Originating Department			Budget		541-2107
			Assistant City Manager		541-2271
Legal		541-2128	City Manager		541-2076

**BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:**

The City Council Emeritus/Emerita Program was implemented on January 19, 2010 to recognize former Mayors Pro Tem and former City Councillors who continue to be leaders in our community.

Gene Kennon is a former Mayor Pro Tem and City Councillor. He was elected as a City Councillor in 2001, and again in 2005, as the District 2 representative. Mr. Kennon as a City Councillor also served two terms as Mayor Pro Tem from 1991 to 1995.

Through the City Council Emeritus/Emerita Program, former Mayor Pro Tem Gene Kennon will be designated as Gene Kennon, Mayor Pro Tem Emeritus as a well deserved, distinctive honor in commemoration of his contributions to the City,

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

<b>Fund Name / Account Number</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A

1. Resolution.
2. Resolution No. 10-183. Attachment "1".

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

**OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Resolution. This means that the Gene Kennon will be acknowledged as a leader in the community and that he will hold the title of Mayor Pro Tem Emeritus.
2. Do not approve the Resolution. This means that no designation will be given Gene Kennon under the City Council Emeritus/Emerita Program.
3. Modify the Resolution and provide further direction to staff.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-216**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FORMER MAYOR PRO TEM GENE KENNON AS GENE KENNON, MAYOR PRO TEM EMERITUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY COUNCIL EMERITUS/EMERITA PROGRAM.**

The City Council is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, Gene Kennon was elected by the citizens of Las Cruces to represent District 2 in 2001 and in 2005 and provided exceptional leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Gene Kennon served two terms as Mayor Pro Tem from 1991 to 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, former Mayor Pro Tem Kennon continues to be a leader in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of the honorary title of Gene Kennon, Mayor Pro Tem Emeritus will serve as a distinction for his future endeavors in the community.

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

**(I)**

**THAT** former Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Kennon is hereby given the honorary title of Gene Kennon, Mayor Pro Tem Emeritus in accordance with the City Council Emeritus/Emerita Program.

**(II)**

**THAT** staff is 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:

*A. J. (Mike) Connolly*  
*acting City Attorney 2/19/10*

**RESOLUTION NO. 10- 183**

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

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:**

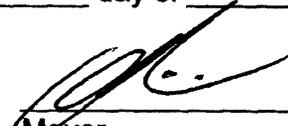
(I)

**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.

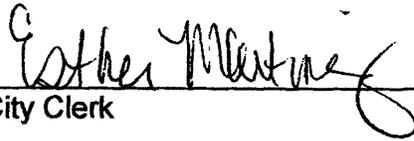
(II)

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

DONE AND APPROVED on this 19th day of January 2010.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

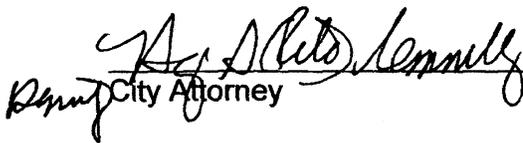
{SEAL}

Moved by: Silva

Seconded by: Thomas

Mayor Miyagishima:	<u>Aye</u>
Councillor Silva:	<u>Aye</u>
Councillor Connor:	<u>Absent</u>
Councillor Pedroza:	<u>Aye</u>
Councillor Small:	<u>Aye</u>
Councillor Sorg:	<u>Absent</u>
Councillor Thomas:	<u>Aye</u>

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney



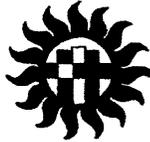
### ***The City Council Emeritus/Emerita Program***

#### **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/emera* 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/emera* cannot use the City of Las Cruces logo in conjunction with the recipient's name on letterhead or business cards.
- The title of *emeritus/emera* cannot be used for endorsement or political purposes.

Exhibit "A"



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 (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.

<b>Name of Drafter:</b> Monica Campbell <i>mc</i>		<b>Department:</b> Legal		<b>Phone:</b> 541-2128	
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**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.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

**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.

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