

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisors John Tavaglione and Supervisor Marion Ashley **SUBMITTAL DATE:** September 1, 2009

SUBJECT: Official naming and designation of the new Fire Station and Fire Training Academy in Thousand Palms and the new Western Coachella Valley Multiple Service Center in North Palms Springs in honor of Supervisor Roy Wilson.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. Formally designate and name the new Fire Station and Fire Training Academy in the Community of Thousand Palms and the new Western Coachella Valley Multiple Service Center in North Palms Springs in honor of Supervisor Roy Wilson;
2. Specify that the name of each facility so named in honor of former Supervisor read as the "Roy Wilson Fire Station and Academy" and "Roy's Desert Resource Center;" and
3. Require that the name of Supervisor Wilson appears prominently on all county or other official correspondence and all forms of letterhead and stationery associated with said facilities.

BACKGROUND: Supervisor Wilson served the citizens of the County of Riverside as a public official and educator since his arrival in Palm Desert in the 1960's. Supervisor Wilson served as a Palm Desert Planning Commissioner, City Council member, and Mayor before his election to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in the 1994 General Election. Supervisor Wilson continued to serve as Riverside County Supervisor until his resignation on August 22, 2009. Supervisor Wilson passed away at his Palm Desert home on August 26, 2009.

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John Tavaglione
Supervisor, Second District

Marion Ashley
Supervisor, Fifth District

BACKGROUND CONTINUED:

While serving as a public official, Roy earned a reputation as a man of honesty, integrity, and compassion. He was a staunch supporter of improving public safety and keeping the communities he served safe. He fought for increased staffing and reductions in crime during his service as a County Supervisor and as Mayor or City Council member of Palm Desert. His compassion for the young, disenfranchised, terminally ill, veterans, seniors, financially disadvantaged within the 4th District and the county as a whole are legendary. His concern for the physical and mental health of those in need of service caused him to spearhead the development of numerous clinics and other facilities that serve those populations.

Based upon his lifetime of service as an educator and elected official, it is entirely fitting and appropriate that facilities such as the new Fire Station and Fire Training Academy in the Community of Thousand Palms and the Western Coachella Valley Multiple Service Center in North Palm Springs be named in honor of this extraordinary man, who served the people of Riverside County in a humble and selfless manner for over 40 years.