

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

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FROM: Community Action Partnership of Riverside County

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Proclaim December 14, 2010 as Lois J. Carson Day

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors honor and:

Proclaim December 14, 2010 as Lois J. Carson Day for her thirty years of service as Executive Director of Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP Riverside).

BACKGROUND:

Lois J. Carson was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the first Executive Director of CAP Riverside and has served as the agency's only Executive Director for thirty years. Under her leadership, CAP Riverside has worked to reduce poverty in Riverside County, touching the lives of thousands of low-income residents, permanently lifting many of them out of poverty and into self-sufficiency through programs like Individual Development Accounts, Project B.L.I.S.S., Earned Income Tax Credit, Weatherization, and Access to Assets.

Lois J. Carson has chosen to retire from her position as Executive Director effective December 31, 2010.



Maria Y. Juarez, CCAP, Deputy Director for
Lois J. Carson, Executive Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	NA
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NA
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	10/11

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature BY: 
Debra Cournoyer

- Policy
- Consent
- Policy
- Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

**TO PROCLAIM
DECEMBER 14, 2010
AS
LOIS J. CARSON DAY**

- Whereas,** Lois J. Carson was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the first Executive Director of the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County, then known as the Department of Community Action, in July, 1980; and
- Whereas,** Lois J. Carson has served for thirty years as the only Executive Director in the agency's history; and,
- Whereas,** Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP Riverside) has worked for 30 years reducing poverty in Riverside County as the county's designated anti-poverty agency, and in 2005 received the National Community Action Partnership's Award for Excellence, to date the only Community Action Agency (CAA) in California and the only public CAA in the nation to receive this award; and,
- Whereas,** Lois J. Carson has taken a leadership role in Community Action in both California and throughout the nation, having served as President of California-Nevada Community Action Partnership as well as Chairman of the National Community Action Partnership; and was one of the designers of the Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP) program, a professional executive development strategy for community action leaders, of which she was an inaugural recipient of the CCAP designation; and,
- Whereas,** Under Lois Carson's leadership, CAP Riverside has touched the lives of thousands of low-income residents of Riverside County, permanently lifting many of them out of poverty and into self-sufficiency through programs like Individual Development Accounts, Project BLISS, Earned Income Tax Credit, Weatherization and Access to Assets: and,
- Whereas,** Through the visionary leadership of Lois J. Carson, CAP Riverside serves Riverside County residents by providing Cool and Warm Centers, Alternative Dispute Resolution services, Community Action Academy capacity building classes, GREEN TEAMWorks for foster youth, Pre-Apprenticeship and Peer Mediation for high school and middle school students, as well as emergency services such as utility payment assistance; and,
- Whereas,** Lois J. Carson has received the following significant awards: She has been named a "Distinguished Alumnus" by the California State University, San Bernardino and by the University of California, Riverside. She was a first year recipient of the Riverside YWCA "Woman of Achievement" award; Fair Housing Council of Riverside County's "Champion of Justice;" Business Press "Leader of Distinction"; 2001 Papal Medalist, Pope John XXIII; Woman of the Year for the 62nd Assembly District; the 2007 Lyndon Baines Johnson "Human Services Award", the highest honor of the National Community

Action Partnership; and the 2009 "Spirit of the Entrepreneur" Award for Social Entrepreneur; and,

Whereas, Lois J. Carson has chosen to retire from her position at CAP Riverside effective December 31, 2010, but has let it be known that she intends to continue to serve Community Action on the local, state and national level as a volunteer for many years to come;

Now, therefore, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the **Riverside County Board of Supervisors** does hereby proclaim December 14, 2010 as "**LOIS J. CARSON DAY**" in the **County of Riverside** in honor of her 30 years of service as Executive Director of Community Action Partnership of Riverside County on the occasion of her retirement.