

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, November 2, 2021, be adjourned in memory of Arthur L Littleworth, who passed away peacefully at his home on October 18, 2021, at the age of 98.

Arthur was born in Anderson, California, he was the first child of British immigrant parents. At graduation from Washington High School in Los Angeles, he was awarded a scholarship to Yale. He graduated from Yale in 1944. He served in the U.S. Navy 1944-1946 aboard the USS Currituck one of the fleet, that accepted the surrender from Japan. After the war Arthur earned a masters degree in history, from Stanford, and then went to Yale Law School, earning an LLB in 1950.

Arthur married Evelyn Low, while in law school. That same year he took a job with Best Best & Krieger, because he saw Riverside as a good place to raise a family, and it offered opportunity for community service. He served on the Riverside School Board from 1958-1972, including 10 years as president. In 1965 he led the integration of the Riverside schools, the first integration of a large school district in the nation. In 2014, he published No Easy Way, his personal memories of that time. Arthur became the first president of the Mission Inn Foundation in 1976, a group of Riverside citizens charged with the operation and restoration of the Inn, that the City had recently purchased.

Arthur represented the State Water Contractors, serving over 20 million people. He also represented the City of Riverside and about 4000 Riverside area pumpers in the litigation among San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange counties over the waters of the Santa Ana River. Settled in 1969, the litigation assured Riverside its principal source of water that is still in effect today. With BB&K law partner Eric Garner, Arthur published California Water. Now in its third edition, it is the definitive resource in universities and for attorneys practicing water-law.

Arthur received many awards: the "Young Man of the Year" award in 1955; Outstanding Elected Official in 1966; Citizen of the Year in 1987-88; "Top 100 Lawyers in California" in 2001 and 2003; the "Frank Miller Civic Achievement" Award in 2004; Honorary Doctor of Law, La Sierra University in 2017.

Arthur married Peggy O'Neill Shaw, in 1994. Their first date was a Rams football game, arranged by Arthur, a passionate Rams fan, who had season tickets since the 1950's. Peggy and Arthur traveled the world, enjoying walking trips with Riverside friends, in England, Ireland, Switzerland, Italy and France.

Arthur's memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Arthur L. Littleworth.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on November 2, 2021 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: November 2, 2021

Kecia Harper, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By: 

Deputy

AGENDA NO.

ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH
CLERK OF THE BOARD