



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

April 16, 2013
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPROVING THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDED NOMINEE AND THE MAYOR'S NOMINEE FOR THE 2013 OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION DAY AWARD

Submitted by Raymond R. Cruz
Director of Community Services

Approved by David C. Biggs
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

Sponsored by the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults, the Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 11:30 AM, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in downtown Los Angeles (Exhibit No. 1). On Monday, April 8, 2013, the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission met at its regular meeting to evaluate, discuss and select a Carson senior citizen who would be honored for his/her dedicated service to the community. Tonight, the City Council is asked to consider approving the Commission's nominee, Mona Porosetano, and the Mayor's nominee, Theresa Forsythe, to receive this award (Exhibit Nos. 2 and 3).

II. RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission's nominee, Mona Porosetano, and the Mayor's nominee, Theresa Forsythe, to receive the Older Americans Recognition Day Award at the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults' 48th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program.

III. ALTERNATIVES

1. SELECT another resident.
2. ELECT not to select an individual to be honored at this year's event.

IV. BACKGROUND

The month of May has been designated as "Older Americans Month" nationwide. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults have annually celebrated this month by honoring nominated seniors that each represent a city within Los Angeles County. At its April 8, 2013, meeting, the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission recommended nominating Mona Porosetano for this award. The Mayor's nominee is Theresa Forsythe.

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V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Letter from the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults. (pg. 3)
2. Senior Citizens Advisory Commission's Nomination for Mona Porotesano. (pg. 4)
3. Mayor's Selected Nomination for Theresa Forsythe. (pg. 5)

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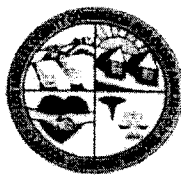
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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____



Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults

LACCOA advocates for the needs and well-being of older adults in Los Angeles County

March 12, 2013

David C. Biggs
CITY OF CARSON
701 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 91745



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2013

Dear City Manager Biggs:

The Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) is asking for nominations of seniors to be honored at the 48th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program. For the past 47 years, the President, the Governor, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors have designated the month of May as Older Americans Recognition Month. We hope that your City will continue this tradition of participation at the local level.

The 2013 OARD Awards Program for the First, Second, Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts will be held on **Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Music Center Grand Hall, located at 135 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012.** The Awards Program will start promptly at 11:30 am. A light lunch will be served.

This year's theme is: **"UNLEASH THE POWER OF AGE"**

At this awards program, the Honorees will be recognized for their dedication to community service by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. We invite you to select a nominee who exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism and we look forward to your participation. **Please complete and submit the enclosed OARD Nomination Form via e-mail no later than April 1, 2013 to: Guillermo Medina Jr. at GMedinair@css.lacounty.gov.**

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Guillermo Medina Jr., OARD Coordinator to the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults at (213) 351-5274 or via email at GMedinair@css.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Cindy Skovgard

Cindy Skovgard, Vice-President
Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults

c: Lorenza C. Sánchez, CSS Assistant Director
Enclosure: OARD Nomination Form

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The TTY telephone number for Community and Senior Services, Area Agency on Aging is (213) 427-6111



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EXHIBIT NO. - 1



City of Carson
Recreation and Human Services

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Nominee
for the
Older American Recognition Awards Ceremony Luncheon

Mona Porotesano

Commissioner Mona is also known as H/C (High Chief) Muliagatele and/or Nuutoetofi. She carries two traditional chief titles, bestowed to her by her Samoan families and community in appreciation of service or tautua. For Mona, service is the fuel that keeps her going and she finds the gathering and unity of people from different backgrounds to be very fulfilling. Serving as a community leader in both Samoa and the U.S., it is her duty, or "Tautua" as it is referred to in the Samoan culture, to bring people together on different occasions and oversee their affairs.

Mona was born in the village of Lepea. She graduated from St. Mary's College just before enrolling in the Teacher's Training College where she earned her certification and then became an educator for eight years. She made her journey from Samoa to the U.S. in 1974. She settled in to Carson, Ca and enrolled in Harbor College. Soon after that she was hired by the Carson Regional Library and served as a faithful employee there until her retirement in 2006. While she was working for the library, she was involved in after school programs and cultural projects. For twelve years she was influential in the operation of the City of Carson International Cultural Fair. In 1986 she was one of nine founding members of a women's group called The Sisters Alumni of the South Pacific and was nominated president. This women's group is a non-profit organization that is still active and growing. This organization offers academic scholarships to Pacific Islander students in order to support and promote education in the community. In 1996 she joined another group of founding members that were able to plan and execute the first Pacific Islander Festival in the south bay area in 1998, with the support of the Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department. The birth of this PICC festival opened doors for other branches to exist in areas such as Orange County and San Diego. As a founding member of this group and Board Director, she is very much in pursuit of helping the community in areas of health and education, in an effort to build the community. Still an active service member for the City of Carson, Mona has since decided to focus her efforts on church ministries, including fund raising for food baskets and needy families.

And so, the life of service goes on, socially and spiritually, until the end of time.

Soifua and good health.

City of Carson
Recreation and Human Services

Mayor Selected Honoree
for the
Older American Recognition Awards Ceremony Luncheon

Theresa Forsythe

Theresa "Terri" Forsythe meets all the criteria for the Older Americans Recognition Awards and is an excellent representative for the City of Carson. As a longtime Carson resident, she has been instrumental in fighting for the rights of residents who need of assistance in securing food, clothing, and shelter. She is known for her "can do" attitude when it comes to getting the job done.

Ms. Forsythe is kind, generous, and compassionate. She takes her role as a volunteer very seriously. As President of the Homeowners Against Rent Decontrol (H.A.R.D.), she has helped a number of individuals, more specifically seniors, with relocating when necessary; negotiating lease agreements; and helping out with those needing repairs to their homes.