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**Mayor Rusty Bailey to Discuss “Foundations for Our Future” at State of the City Address Jan. 30**

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Mayor Rusty Bailey will discuss ways that Riverside has created a solid foundation upon which to solve existing and emerging challenges during his eighth and final State of the City address at the Riverside Convention Center on Jan. 30.

The annual State of the City event, produced by the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce in partnership with the City of Riverside, combines a review of the prior year’s accomplishments with an outline of major issues facing the city in the coming year.

“Riverside is in a great place, both in terms of our local economy and with how we have set ourselves up for continued growth and success,” Mayor Bailey said. “But we face major challenges ahead – some unique to our city and others shared by most cities in California – and the foundations we have laid down as a community will be key to addressing and overcoming those challenges.”

Mayor Bailey will announce the winner of the Dr. Carlos E. Cortés Award for Championing Diversity and Inclusivity, named for the Professor Emeritus of History at UC Riverside who has been a lifetime advocate of the importance of diversity and the need for inclusivity. The award recognizes actions taken toward furthering the City of Riverside’s pledge to build a more inclusive community.

The Chamber will present the Riverside Hero Award and announce winners of the Beautification Awards from Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful.

Registration begins at 4:45 p.m., and the program is scheduled to start at 5:30. General admission seating is free. Reserved seating is available for \$50 and includes a ticket to the reception after the speech.

Individual tickets for the reserved seating and reception can be purchased by going to the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce’s website -- [www.riverside-chamber.com](http://www.riverside-chamber.com) – and clicking “Events,” then “Online Registration,” or by calling 951-683-7100.