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Riverside City Councilmember Chris MacArthur to Retire Next Year

Three-Term Ward 5 Councilmember Will Not Seek Re-Election in 2019

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Riverside City Councilmember Chris MacArthur announced today (5/31) he will be retiring at the end of his term in 2019.

“It has been an incredible honor to serve the residents of Ward 5 and the City of Riverside these past 11 years,” MacArthur said. “We have accomplished a lot together and have made a great difference for future generations of Riversiders.”

MacArthur stressed the importance of his 32-year marriage to his wife, Jolyn.

“I could not have served effectively for three terms on the City Council without the complete support and partnership of my wife, Jolyn,” he said.

MacArthur said he looks forward to working with his wife and their two sons in business. Their oldest son, Garrett, graduated from college earlier this month and their younger son, Derreck, will graduate in 2020.

“I am very fortunate that I had wonderful parents that taught me the fundamentals of life and business,” MacArthur said. “It is now our turn to pass this legacy on to our two sons.”

Chris MacArthur was elected to the City Council in November, 2007 and then ran unopposed twice, in 2011 and 2015. Ward 4 City Councilmember, Chuck Conder, who served as MacArthur’s Field Director for 9 years before being elected to the City Council, said, “It has been my honor serving with Councilmember MacArthur. Nobody has worked harder to represent his constituents at City Hall.”

Many landmark projects were accomplished during MacArthur’s time in office, from the popular Arlington Heights Sports Park to the first public gymnasium in Ward 5 at the rebuilt Renck Center at Hunt Park.

The business community was strengthened by a business-friendly environment at City Hall, and Arlington Village was revitalized. Further opportunities for children will be created when the Youth Innovation Center opens in 2019 at Arlington Park.

Quality of life was improved through the reduction of train noise through Riverside neighborhoods made possible by the creation of a Railroad Quiet Zone, which improves safety measures at rail crossings, enabling train conductors to sound train horns less often. Hundreds of streets were repaved and sidewalks rebuilt.

The Agricultural Community blossomed and the Greenbelt replanted through the “Grow Riverside” initiative.

“I look forward to completing this final year in office, serving the people of Riverside, and intend to continue my business career and community involvement after retiring from public life,” MacArthur said.

Information about how to run for City Council can be found at the City Clerk’s website:
https://riversideca.gov/city_clerk/elections-muni.asp