



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: April 15, 2008
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Bill Banks, Recreation Services Manager
Subject: Older American of the Year

INTRODUCTION

The 43rd Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program will take place on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration located in downtown Los Angeles. The program honors outstanding older persons from 88 cities in Los Angeles County and is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging. The awards program corresponds with national recognition of the month of May as Older Americans Month and provides an opportunity to recognize our senior adults for their valuable contributions to society.

DISCUSSION

For the past 19 years, the City has paid tribute to older adults by selecting an outstanding Older American of the Year to represent the City at the Awards Program and by proclaiming Older Americans Month in Beverly Hills.

Honorees are typically those who provide services to senior adult organizations, recreation departments, social service agencies or the community at large. This year staff has selected Mike Roberts as the City of Beverly Hills' Older American of the Year.

Mr. Roberts has been a Beverly Hills resident for over 45 years and has worked tirelessly for the young, middle and senior members of our community. He is a true friend to many people and is willing to be of help at a moment's notice. As a former Recreation and Parks Commissioner for the past 6 years, staff chose Mike because he is a strong believer in this year's theme of "Working Together for Strong, Healthy, and Supportive Communities". He believes there is a calm, kind, yet serious way to come to consensus with great respect for everyone's feelings.

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Mr. Roberts exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism and is most worthy of receiving recognition for his contributions to the Beverly Hills community.

Staff will prepare a proclamation honoring Mr. Roberts for presentation by the Mayor at the May 6, 2008 City Council Formal meeting.

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