



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: APRIL 19, 2005

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: CIRCLE OF SERVICE NOMINATION FOR ROBERT M. WILSON**

**DATE: MARCH 23, 2005**

**FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, RECREATION DIVISION**

**PRESENTATION JANA M. RANSOM, RECREATION MANAGER**

**BY:**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council approve the application for Circle of Service nominee Robert M. Wilson for induction into the Circle of Service as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At the July 15, 1996 meeting, City Council adopted an amendment to Council Policy Number 800-4 that established the Circle of Service in Lions Park to honor those citizens who have provided significant service to the City of Costa Mesa, made an extraordinary contribution to the City; or contributed to the history of Costa Mesa. At the City Council meeting of July 13, 2004, Council amended the criteria for induction into the Circle of Service, Council Policy Number 800-4 (Attachment 1).

The nominated individual must have been deceased a minimum of one (1) year prior to the nomination; must have been a resident of Costa Mesa for minimum of ten (10) years; must have been involved in community service for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive years or have given their life in the service of the nation or community.

The application must be completed by a family member or member of the community, a member of a non-profit organization or someone from the business community. If service to an organization is identified, corresponding written support from the organization is required. The nomination must include the honoree's name, date of death, nearest family member or friend as our contact, a brief description of their contribution to the community, the name of the person submitting the nomination, phone number and the date submitted.

Robert M. Wilson's nomination was submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission at their March 23, 2005 meeting. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommend approval by City Council for Robert "Bob" M. Wilson's induction into the Circle of Service. Sandra Genis submitted Mr. Wilson's nomination (See Letter, Attachment 2).

If approved, the Circle of Service dedication ceremony will take place Friday, July 29, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. in Lions Park at the Mother and Child Fountain on the patio adjacent to the Neighborhood Community Center.

**ANALYSIS:**

The following information provides appropriate justification for City Council to accept Robert M. Wilson (Attachment 3) into the Circle of Service. Robert “Bob” M. Wilson and his wife Maryalice moved to Costa Mesa in 1948 to raise their family. Shortly after moving to Costa Mesa Bob became the chairman of the Home Rule Group that worked to get Costa Mesa established as an incorporated city. In 1953 when Costa Mesa was incorporated, he was a member of the City of Costa Mesa’s first Planning Commission, on which he served seven years. Bob then went on to serve sixteen years on Costa Mesa City Council, with three terms as mayor.

Robert Wilson was instrumental in shaping the future of Costa Mesa by helping persuade the Segerstroms to place their new shopping center in Costa Mesa. That shopping center is now known as South Coast Plaza. He also lobbied for local acquisition of what is now the Costa Mesa Golf Course and Fairview and Talbert Parks.

Robert Wilson also served as a Director of the California League of Cities and was on the United States Conference of Mayors Resolution Committee. He was a United States delegate to the International Union of Local Authorities and while working with these bodies was able to accomplish changes beyond just Costa Mesa. These include a League of Cities Resolution that reduced the noise and pollution from jets and the “Use a gun, Go to jail” resolution.

After retiring from the City Council, Robert Wilson continued to remain active in the community. He was selected as Costa Mesa Man of the Year in 1975. Bob and Maryalice Wilson remained in Costa Mesa until his passing in January 2004.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

1. Do not approve nominee as proposed.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

The estimated cost for purchase and installation of the plaque is \$300 dollars. A check has been submitted to cover the purchase of the plaque.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Council approved the establishment of the Circle of Service as part of Council Policy 800-4. All requests for induction into the Circle of Service are submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission shall make a recommendation to City Council to approve or deny the application.

**CONCLUSION:**

That City Council approve the application for Circle of Service nominee Robert M. Wilson for induction into the Circle of Service as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Signatures on the Following Page

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Administrative Services Director

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ATTACHMENTS:      1      [Council Policy 800-4](#)  
                             2      [Letters from Sandra Genis dated March 14, 2005](#)  
                             3      [Circle of Service Criteria Summary Sheet for Robert M. Wilson](#)

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