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DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT: Joanne Evans, Former Perris Council Member



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PERRIS, Calif. (November 21, 2019) -- The City of Perris regrets to announce former Perris Council Member Joanne Evans passed away on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

Evans served on the Perris City Council from November 2008 to November 2012. A former United States Marine, CalFire spokesperson and an untiring advocate for veterans' issues on behalf of the American Legion, Evans was an esteemed member of the Perris community, having lived here for more than 40 years.

Mayor Michael M. Vargas offered condolences on the passing of such a revered member of the Perris Community.

"Perris has lost an icon and a devoted Council Member and community member," said Vargas. "We are deeply saddened to hear of this news, and we are forever grateful for her service to our Perris Community and to our country as well."

Mayor Pro Tem Marisela Magaña shared her sentiments as well, saying, "My most sincere condolences go out to the family of former Perris Council Member Joanne Evans. Her service to our community is very much appreciated and admired. May her soul rest in peace."

Council Member Rita Rogers also expressed her gratitude for a life of service.

"I was blessed to serve on the Council with Joanne Evans. She was a true leader with a heart for our City," said Rogers. "She was dedicated to making life better for the residents of Perris. Our friendship continued after Joanne's tenure on the Council, as she continued to uplift our City and its residents. She will be greatly missed."



"As a fellow Veteran, I admire Councilwoman Evans' dedicated service in the Marine Corps. As a City Councilman, I admire her years of dedication to the City as both an elected official and community member," said Perris Council Member David Starr Rabb. "She will be missed!"

Perris City Council Member also noted her impact to the local community and expressed his gratitude for her service to Perris and the nation.

"She was a very vocal and important leader before becoming a City council member and remained one both during her time on Council and after her time as a Council Member ended," said Corona. "She was a strong advocate for our veterans, and we are grateful for her time and efforts within our community. She served our country and our city, and she will be missed."

During her tenure on the council, the City experienced many triumphs. Those include the restoration and reopening of the Victorian-era Depot Building, the renovation of the Bank of Perris as a City archive, D Street beautifications, the opening of the affordable-housing Mercado Apartments, a new fire station/emergency operations center and new teen/senior center.

Construction was completed on the new Interstate 215/Fourth Street interchange which created a new gateway to Downtown Perris and is wrapping up at I-215 and Ramona Expressway. Upon her departure from the Perris City Council, her colleagues praised her diligence, determination and demeanor while on City business. She addressed constituent concerns conscientiously, conducted herself as a complete professional and contributed to the cohesiveness for which the Perris City Council is known.

Tentative services for Joanne Evans will be held on December 2, 2019 at 11am at Perris Valley Cemetery located at 915 N Perris Blvd, Perris, Ca., 92571. Reception to follow at the American Legion Post 595 located at 600 S D Street, Perris, Ca., 92570.

The City of Perris extends our deepest sympathies to her family and will keep the community advised of memorial service details. To read the former Council Members obituary, please click [here](#).



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