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FORMER CHINO HILLS MAYOR W.C. "BILL" KRUGER PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 26

Chino Hills, CA – Long-serving City of Chino Hills Council Member, and former Mayor, W.C. "Bill" Kruger passed away on February 26. The family is hosting a Celebration of Life on Sunday, March 24 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Chino Hills Community Center. Memories will be shared at 1:30 p.m. A memorial book will be available to sign at Chino Hills City Hall, 14000 City Center Drive, second floor City Clerk's Office, during business hours from March 11 -22. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

"Council Member Kruger made such a difference in Chino Hills," said Mayor Cynthia Moran. "His passing is a great loss. We will remember him for the significant role he played in the early years of our City, for his public service, and for his service to others."

Mr. Kruger played an active role in the City of Chino Hills starting in 1996. He was appointed to the Planning Commission and served from 1996 to 2000. He was elected to the City Council in November of 2000. He served two terms as Mayor and retired from the City Council in 2012. Mr. Kruger was very knowledgeable on water issues and represented the City on regional water and wastewater Boards including Chino Basin Desalter, Chino Basin Watermaster, and Inland Empire Utilities Agency. He also served on the San Bernardino County Solid Waste Task Force.

Mr. Kruger served on the McCoy Equestrian and Recreation Center Committee, the Healthy Cities Steering Committee, and the L.A. County Fair Community Committee. He served in leadership positions in the Kiwanis Club of Chino Hills, the Chino Valley Lions Club, and the Chino Hills Police Department Citizens on Patrol (COP). He was an active supporter of the Kiwanis Club Chino Hills Boat Parade – he never rode in the parade as a Council Member, he was always behind the scenes in his COP uniform driving the COP vehicle at the end of the parade.

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Mr. Kruger led an effort in 2004 to develop the Carbon Canyon Evacuation Plan, which paired police and firefighters with volunteers to canvas homes in Carbon Canyon to identify persons who might need assistance during a fire. The database developed was the first of its kind in San Bernardino County.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and co-founder of the Chino Valley Young Marines. He was a member of the American Legion Post 299 and served as a leader of the Marine Corps League.

Mr. Kruger was well known for volunteering in the community and also served on the PTA at Robert O. Townsend Junior High School and Chino Hills High School; and on the Boards of the Citizens for Kids Educational Foundation, the Michael G. Wickman Educational Foundation, the Chino Hills Community Foundation, and the Chino Valley YMCA.

He received the following honors for his volunteer service:

- 2006 L.A. County Fair as the Chino Hills Community Hero
- 2005 Champion Newspapers Outstanding Citizen
- 2001 by Supervisor Fred Aguiar, then in 2005 by Supervisor Gary Ovitt for Long-Term Volunteer Work in Chino Hills and San Bernardino County



W.C. "Bill" Kruger
10/23/1945 - 2/26/2019

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