

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)
REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Council Referral – Honoring Residents Who Turn 100

REFERRAL: At the Regular Meeting on November 25, 2019, Council referred this request jointly to CRAB and the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND: CRAB considered and discussed this referral at meetings on:

- December 12, 2019
- February 13, 2020
- May 14, 2020
- June 11, 2020

DISCUSSION: CRAB applauds the interest by the City to recognize and honor our Greenbelt residents who have reached the milestone age of 100. These residents are a vital part of our community and CRAB shares the desire to honor them.

CRAB discussed this matter in detail and adopted the following guiding principles that any actions to honor the centenarians should:

- Be conducted close to the actual milestone birthday, rather than have a large gathering months later.
- Incorporate something that the person's loved ones would be able to retain even after the resident passes away.
- Not place pressure on the honoree to attend a public event.

With these principles in mind, CRAB discussed the matter with the goal of creating a respectful honoring of the centenarians.

RECOMENDATION: CRAB recommends that the City, in fact, honor residents who turn 100 in the following ways:

- Publicize in the News Review, on the City website, and other social media channels, the roll out of this new program.

- Provide a card to each centenarian resident, during the month of their Birthday, signed by the City Council and the City Manager
- Provide an accompanying certificate of the same, which could be framed. The card and certificate should be presented in person where practicable.
- Publish a monthly section in the Greenbelt News Review and via other social media channels, newsletters, listserves, etc. listing the names of, and celebrating, all residents who recently held a 100th (or older) birthday and include the email address to which residents can submit names for the following (or future) months.

Respectfully Submitted,

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