ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: Resolution for Former Councilmember Raymond Shuey	MEETING DATE: June 6, 2005

TO: **Mayor and City Council**

FROM: **Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director, 623-478-3019**

THRU: **Charlie McClendon, City Manager**

PURPOSE:

For the City Council to recognize Former Councilmember Raymond H. Shuey for his contributions to the community during his tenure on the Avondale City Council.

BACKGROUND:

Raymond H. Shuey has been on City Council for almost ten years. First appointed in September of 1995, he was elected by voters in 1997, and re-elected in 2001. During his tenure, he has witnessed the tremendous change and growth in Avondale. Through his role as policy maker on the City Council, he has helped guide the City in a positive direction toward the bright future that lies ahead. He has played a role in several milestone projects in Avondale, including the establishment of a citywide curbside recycling program, the renaming and improvement of Avondale Boulevard; the opening of the Avondale Automall; the completion of Gateway Pavilions; the construction of the Avondale Civic Center, and the opening of Avondale Friendship Park.

During his time in office, Raymond Shuey not only served the residents of Avondale with honor and integrity, he also represented the City at the regional level, serving on the Maricopa County Community Services Commission; the Western Maricopa Enterprise Zone Commission, and the Community Development Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Shuey is best known for his sincerity in approaching every person he met and for his sense of fairness in addressing every issue. He was a true asset to the City of Avondale and his presence on the City Council will be missed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution recognizing Raymond Shuey for his civil contributions and dedication to the people of Avondale.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution

Resolution No. 2490-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA, HONORING COUNCIL MEMBER RAYMOND H. SHUEY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF AVONDALE.

WHEREAS, Raymond H. Shuey answered the call to public service, was appointed and took the oath of office as Council Member in September 1995, was elected by the voters of Avondale in September of 1997; was reelected in September of 2001; and

WHEREAS, *during his tenure, Council Member Shuey served with honor and integrity, not only on the Avondale City Council but also as Avondale's representative on numerous local and regional government bodies, serving as Chairperson of the Maricopa County Community Services Commission, the Western Maricopa Enterprise Zone Commission, the Community Development Advisory Committee, and the Risk Management Trust Fund Board and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Avondale Municipal Development Corporation; and*

WHEREAS, *Council Member Shuey's term of office occurred during a time of great change and unsurpassed growth in the history of Avondale; and*

WHEREAS, *his role on the Avondale City Council contributed much to the betterment of the future of Avondale for all its residents by leaving a legacy of positive change, among them, establishment of a citywide curbside recycling program, renaming and improvement of Avondale Boulevard, opening of the Avondale Automall, the completion of Gateway Pavilions, construction of the Avondale Civic Center and opening of Avondale Friendship Park; and*

WHEREAS, *Raymond Shuey watched Avondale grow from 79 employees and 10,000 residents to a vibrant community of 410 employees and 60,000 residents; and*

WHEREAS, *although Council Member Shuey left office on May 13, 2005, he will continue to be involved in his community and continue to hold the best interest of Avondale at heart.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona, hereby honors and thanks Council Member Raymond H. Shuey for a decade of dedicated service to the City of Avondale.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that the Mayor and City Council wish to present Council Member Raymond H. Shuey with a Key to the City of Avondale in honor of his service and commitment, and wish him well in all his future endeavors.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED *by the Council of the City of Avondale, June 6, 2005.*

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Mayor Drake	*Vice Mayor Lynch*	*Councilman Carroll*
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Council Member Earp	*Council Member Lopez-Rogers*	*Council Member Wolf*

ATTEST: ***APPROVED AS TO FORM:***

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