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### **Arc Riverside Employee Receives Appointment from Governor Schwarzenegger**

**Riverside, CA** – Rita Norton, director of contract procurement and job development for local non-profit Arc Riverside, has been appointed to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. She was sworn in Thursday, September 6, 2007.

Judge Vic Micelli administered the Oath of Office to Norton at 10 a.m. in the Governor's Cal Tower office in Downtown Riverside.

As a member of the Committee, Norton will help increase the number of individuals with disabilities in California's workforce; implement California's Workforce Inclusion Act, and work with state and local agencies, business and community leaders in promoting an increased presence of individuals with disabilities in California's workforce.

"We're so proud of Rita and her appointment; we know she'll do a great job," said Jim Stream, Arc Riverside's executive director.

Norton was initially encouraged to apply for the position by Riverside Chambers of Commerce President and CEO Cindy Roth.

After Norton reviewed the work the Committee does, she decided it was a natural fit for her and the work she does at Arc Riverside.

Besides, Norton says, "I think it's important to set up a good foundation for my children and grandchildren who live in this city."

As a volunteer member of the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, she hopes to become involved with forming policy and planning that affects people with disabilities.

Norton has resided in Riverside since December 1965 after she, her mother, and sister traveled the world following her Father's military career; her mother still lives in Riverside and can be seen helping out with many of Norton's volunteer efforts. She and her husband, Bob, have been married for 22 years, and she is happy to share his daughter and son and three grandchildren.

Prior to her employment with Arc Riverside, she owned and operated Downtown Hearing Aid Center for 30 years while managing REN Properties, a small property management company.

Norton is the recipient of several prestigious awards including Riverside's Spirit of the City award and the Volunteer of the Year award presented by the Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

Arc Riverside is a nonprofit organization that provides supports and services for adults with developmental disabilities throughout western Riverside County, and is located at 8138 Mar Vista Court in Riverside.

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