

# 2006 Florida Cities of Excellence Awards Program ▶ Nomination Form

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FLORIDA CITY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD  
Name of Municipality Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY SPIRIT AWARD  
Name of Municipality Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated Project \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

MAYOR OF THE YEAR  
Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR  
Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR  
Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY MANAGER OF THE YEAR  
Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR  
Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR  
Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY FINANCE OFFICIAL (DIRECTOR OR OFFICER) OF THE YEAR  
Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR  
Name of Individual Nominated Reverend Dr. Melville B. Herron  
Nominated by City of Lauderhill  
(Name of City/Town/Village)



Rev. Herron & the P&Z Director

## **Reverend Dr. Melville B. Herron Citizen of the Year**



The Reverend Dr. Melville B. Herron is a resident of the City of Lauderhill. He and his lovely wife Grace reside in the community of Inverrary where he serves as President of the Inverrary Homeowners Association. Rev. Herron moved to Lauderhill five years ago and immediately became active in the life of the community. It is easy to believe the story that the residents of Inverrary were patiently waiting to draft Rev. Herron as their leader. His penchant for community involvement and rare leadership skills preceded him. Under Rev. Herron's leadership, the Associations membership has increased from twenty five (25) to seventy-five (75) families and growing. As a result people are more involved in maintaining and beautifying the City.

He moved into the community with a willingness to work with people, a love of his new home and community, years of experience as a community activist and a well developed sense of pride in his own home.

He began his tenure as president of the Inverrary Homeowners Association in January of 2002. His goals for the Association were simple:

Stabilize and maintain the integrity of the community, fostering a sense of pride in our properties and holding the officials elected to safeguard the community, to the highest standards.

As president of the Association he travels about the community tirelessly promoting membership in the Association and informing the residents of the importance of the Association as a tool to insure the continued viability of the community. He is a part of a community hosting segments of non-citizens. He constantly encourages them to become citizens. As citizens they will be in a position to play an active role in the development of a burgeoning and vibrant multicultural, multi-ethnic community. Rev. Herron implores every citizen he meets to vote in every election. He reminds them that their voices can and will be heard "loud and clear" through the ballot box.

In December of each year, under his direction, The Inverrary Homeowners Association sponsors a Holiday Celebration for all residents, members and non-members alike, in The Jackie Gleason Park. To enhance the Celebration, he asked for and received many attractive improvements in the park: The lawns are manicured and kept clean and attractive, the shrubs are trimmed, and the damaged or broken old amenities were replaced with new and updated facilities. This was accomplished, all because he asked in a gentle and polite manner.

Dr Herron is one of our citizens who believe in the old adage: "You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

Last year, Dr. Herron was a part of the Lauderhill team that went to Atlanta, Georgia, where the team participated in the contest of the League of Cities; and

The City of Lauderhill became one of the winners of the Coveted awards: "ALL AMERICA CITY."

Rev. Herron was instrumental in encouraging the residents to support The General Organization Bond (The G.O. Bond). The monies were needed to make possible several urgently needed projects in Lauderhill, such as: the redevelopment and decoration of all of the parks in Lauderhill, improving our Sewer and Drainage System and our Potable Water System, the Privacy Walls along Inverrary Boulevard and Forty-fourth (44<sup>th</sup>) Street, the enhancement of Libraries and the Infrastructure of Lauderhill.

Rev Herron Successfully completed and Graduated from the Lauderhill Citizen's Police Academy. This program is instrumental in informing its residents of the responsibilities of Police Officers and Citizens, and how they can best serve each other. He also encourages residents to be a part on the Citizen's Police Academy for the same reasons. Each Citizen's Police Academy Class is a TEN weeks Program, and is given twice per year.

Since Graduation, Dr. Herron is a part of the Citizens Observer Patrol. He and his colleagues drive around the City and serve as active eyes and ears for the police.

He also serves as a part of the Neighborhood Enrichment Appearance Team (NEAT). The team tours the community periodically, encouraging residents to take pride in their properties. The team does not give out summonses, but recommends improvements and tips on beautification and applauds those adhering to standards of excellence.

Rev. Herron also serves on the Planning and Zoning Board for the City of Lauderhill. He has served the City faithfully and brought years of prior experience as a Civil Engineer and Chairman of a Brooklyn Community Board.

As an Ordained Clergy, he is always ready and willing to serve at public assemblies in any capacity asked of him. He is always ready to acknowledge that all that he has done could not have been possible without his lovely wife Grace, by his side.

Model residents like Reverend Herron are so important to the success of our community. His hard work is unmatched and truly admirable. With leaders in the community such as Reverend Herron, it is no wonder we have been awarded the "All America City" title. All agree his commitment to continually enhancing the community is a top priority for him year round. It is even more evident this team player is loved by all who know him! He truly is inspirational and Lauderhill is lucky to have him in a leadership role. Reverend Herron is Lauderhill's Citizen of the Year!