

Ron deHarte is a community organizer, longtime public servant, and recognized human rights champion. He was elected to the Palm Springs City Council to serve a four-year term representing District 3 in November 2022.

A proud Latino and small business owner, Ron has been active in the Palm Springs community since first volunteering in 2005. Ron served six years on the Human Rights Commission, the City of Palm Springs Police Chief's LGBTQ Advisory Committee, and the City of Palm Springs Business Transition & Re-entry Task Force. He has also served as a member of Main Street Palm Springs. In addition, Ron has served on civic committees, including the City of Palm Springs 2020 Census Outreach Committee and the Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Committee.



Ron is co-chair of the Community Leadership Council and serves as a director on several community-based initiatives, including Safe Schools Desert Cities, Greater Palm Springs Pride, and the United States Association of Prides.

Ron's service and commitment to the Palm Springs community have been recognized by many organizations, including the Greater Palm Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau, which presented him with the Santa Rosa Award in recognition of destination excellence. Other awards include the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce Community Spirit Award, Safe Schools Desert Cities Champion of Youth Award, AMVETS International Day of Peace Award, the AIDS Assistance Program Herb Lazenby Community Service Award, the Human Rights

Campaign's Advocate for Equality Award, the Desert Business Association's Outstanding Community Service Leader Award, and the LA Blade's Desert Visibility Award. In addition, Ron has been named to the Desert Charities News Men in Philanthropy, recognized as Person of the Year by the Consolidated Association of Pride, and honored by the Comunidad Orgullo GLBT Tijuana as International Friend of the Year.

Ron's family history is documented in the Arizona Chicano/a Research Collection at the Arizona State University, Archives & Special Collections. Dating back to 1863, the family history in document and photographic form helps document the presence of Hispanic people in Arizona. It is a permanent part of the Arizona State University collection titled the Teodoro and Mariana Rodriguez Ocampo Collection.

Ron and his husband, Keith Gran, have two sons and live in the Vista Las Palmas neighborhood of Palm Springs.

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