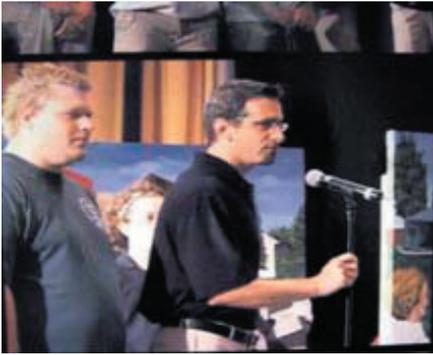


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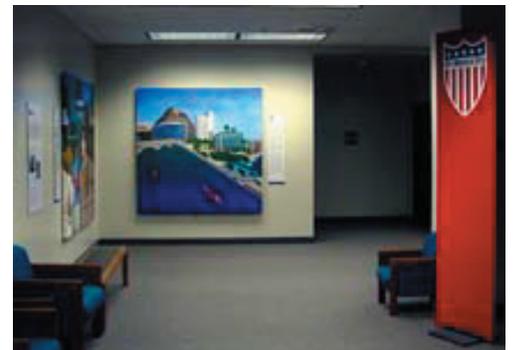
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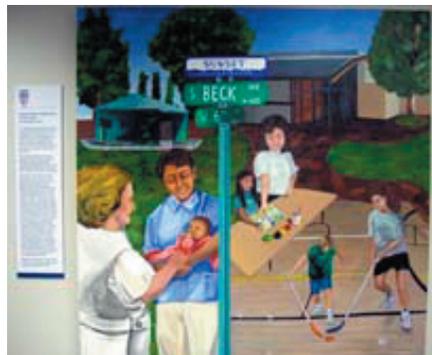
In June of 2003, the National Civic League (NCL) honored Tempe for its leadership and innovative approach to solving community issues, selecting Tempe as one of 10 All-America cities at the 54th Annual All-America City Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C.



The All-America City Award, a 54-year-old program of the NCL recognizing civic excellence, annually honors 10 communities that best exemplify the spirit of grassroots citizen involvement and collaborative city problem solving. Since the program began in 1949, more than 4,000 communities have competed for the award and nearly 500 communities have been selected as All-America cities. Tempe last won the award in 1984. The award is based on a community's ability to successfully address current national issues including crime, education, poverty, cultural diversity and the environment and to serve as a role model for other cities.



In winning this prestigious honor, a Tempe delegation comprised of former Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, community partners, volunteers and city staff made their presentation to the NCL in Washington, D.C.



At the heart of Tempe's presentation were three six-foot murals painted by students from the New School for the Arts. The student-volunteers, who created these pieces, gave life to Tempe's accomplishments and put faces behind the statistics. These murals beautifully portray Tempe's featured projects and the community spirit that makes Tempe an All-America City. The innovative projects showcased in the murals (from L to R) were the Thomas J. Pappas School and Tumbleweed Resource Center for homeless youth project, the Riverside-Sunset Neighborhood transformation including the Westside Center and the Rio Salado Redevelopment Project/Tempe Town Lake.