



About Mr. Al Vasquez

(November 26, 2017)

Mr. Al Vasquez began his career in Washington D.C. at the US Department of Commerce after receiving his degree in Economic Development. During his lifetime he supported the Coachella Valley and the Hispanic community as a successful businessman, journalist, author and benefactor.

He was a past National Executive Director of League of United Latin American Citizens (LU-LAC) the oldest Hispanic Organization in the United States, whose mission statement is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States. He established the first self-help housing program in the Coachella Valley.

He produced along with his wife Ana, the television talk show *Abriendo Puertas en la Comunidad* (Opening Doors in the Community) as well

as began publishing *La Prensa Hispana*, the only bilingual newspaper in the Coachella Valley. In addition, Vasquez was the founder of the International Hispanic Film Festival and International Hispanic Awards which are held annually in Palm Springs.

On November 26, the Communities in the Coachella Valley lost a friend. Al Vasquez passed away with his family by his side. His long history of serving the Communities of the Coachella Valley will not be forgotten. State Assemblyman Chad Mayes has introduced a resolution memorializing the Assemblyman Chad Mayes has introduced a resolution memorializing the life of Al Vasquez.

Mrs. Ana Vasquez was presented with an American Flag that flew over the White House by Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz and a Marine Corp Flag by the Marine Corp Veterans.

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