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***Ferguson Selected as a 2010 All-America City Finalist***

**Ferguson, Missouri:** The City of Ferguson and 26 other communities have been named finalists for the National Civic League's 2010 All-America City Awards.

The Denver-based organization says the cities were selected for addressing such issues as diversifying the labor force and funding services during the recession.

Other finalists are Chandler, AZ; Bentonville, AR; Dublin, CA; Lynwood, CA; Rancho Cordova, CA; Vernon Central (neighborhood) CA; Miami Lakes, FL; North Miami, FL; Acworth, GA; Belleville, IL; Canton, IL; Noblesville, IN; Des Moines, IA; Lenexa, KS; Scott County, KS; Bowling Green, KY; Salisbury, MD; Riverside, MO; Lynbrook, NY; Gastonia, NC; West Chester, OH; Wyoming, OH; Mount Pleasant, SC; El Paso, TX; Abingdon, VA; and Middleton, WI.

“These are some of the most innovative communities in the country,” notes National Civic League President Gloria Rubio-Cortes. “They give us hope and inspiration and teach us important lessons about leveraging the civic energy of ordinary people to address difficult challenges during some very tough economic times.”

To become a finalist, each participant completed an application documenting three community projects that address their communities’ most pressing challenges. Only 500 communities from around the country have earned this distinguished title over the past 61 years. Each community will send a delegation to Kansas City to tell their stories of positive community change to a jury of civic experts. The ten All-America Cities will be announced on June 18.

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