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Tampa Named Finalist for All American City Award

Tampa, Fla. (April 8, 2009) – The City of Tampa has been named a finalist for the National Civic League's All-American City Award. Tampa is the only city from the State of Florida to be selected as a finalist this year.

The City submitted three community projects for the All American City Award application. The projects highlighted include:

1. East Tampa Initiative: starting in 2003, the City of Tampa along with the neighborhood, has been working to transform East Tampa back into a community of vibrant residences and businesses with thriving recreational, social and cultural activities.
2. 40th Street Enhancement Project: through the 40th Street citizen task force and multiple partnerships, the almost completed five-phase, \$106 million dollar project has improved 4.2 miles of existing roadway on 40th Street from Hillsborough to Fowler Avenue, including a new bridge that was conceptually designed by a local King High School student.
3. Annual Sulphur Springs Children's Holiday Event: for the last six years the Tampa Police Department, in partnership with the community, has provided the children of Sulphur Springs with this annual event involving gifts, food, care and attention. Sulphur Springs has the highest population of children for all city neighborhoods. Sulphur Spring's median income is \$10,592.

The final competition will be held June 17-19, 2009 at the Tampa Marriott Waterside. Mayor Iorio looks forward to welcoming the 31 cities and their mayors from across the nation to Tampa for the conference. Tampa was first named an All-American City in 1990.

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