



### **Ronald J. Norick**

Born and raised in Oklahoma City, Ron Norick was the city's mayor from 1987 to 1998. Norick followed in his father James's footsteps: the elder Norick was Oklahoma City's mayor from 1959 to 1963 and again from 1967 to 1971.

During Ron Norick's 11 years in office, he and the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce conceived Metropolitan Area Projects (MAPS), nine major Oklahoma City projects funded by a dedicated five-year, one-cent sales tax. The projects included the Chesapeake Energy Arena, AT&T Bricktown Ballpark, Bricktown Canal, Civic Center Music Hall, Cox Convention Center, State Fair Park, Oklahoma River, Spirit of Oklahoma Trolley Transportation Link, and a new library/learning centre later named the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library.

MAPS is credited with leading Oklahoma City through a "renaissance" that made the city one of the most livable in the country. While in office, Norick also guided the city through the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

Prior to taking public office, Norick worked for 30 years with his family's successful printing company, Norick Brothers Inc, where he served as the company's president from 1981 to 1992. Currently, he is the controlling manager of Norick Investment Company, LLC, which manages the financial holdings of 20 family members representing three generations of the Norick family.

Since leaving public office, Norick has remained an ardent supporter of MAPS and many other community initiatives and organizations. He is currently chairman of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee at Oklahoma City University, a director of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and chairman of Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority, the Oklahoma City Downtown TIF Review Committee and the Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. As well, Norick is vice-chairman of the Oklahoma Industries Authority and a member of the Committee of One Hundred.

Norick is also on the board of directors for BancFirst, Oklahoma City's largest chartered bank, and Merlon International, Inc., an oil and gas exploration company with activities off the Texas Gulf Coast and in Egypt's Western Desert.

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