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IN MEMORY OF
JAMES ELLIS
"JIM"
SCHNEIDER
1941 - 2013

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Life Story for James Ellis "Jim" Schneider



James "Jim" Ellis Schneider passed away peacefully on November 21, 2013. Jim was born in Long Beach, California on August 30, 1941 to Helen and David Schneider. He graduated from Long Beach Poly High School in 1959. Jim attended college at the University of Arizona. He went on to get his law degree from UCLA School of Law and

obtained an LL.M in Taxation from New York University.

After graduating from NYU, Jim began his career in New York City as an associate at the famous Wall Street firm of Davis Polk. He moved to San Diego in 1968 where he maintained a successful tax law practice that spanned over 40 years, including serving as chair of the Taxation Section of the San Diego County Bar Association.

Jim used his tax practice to advance the cause of affordable housing, working with local municipalities and developers to obtain tax credits for numerous affordable housing projects. In 1992, in the wake of the LA riots, Jim assisted in the founding of the Long Beach Affordable Housing Coalition, which spurred the much needed development of affordable housing projects within the city of Long Beach.

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Jim was also instrumental in the revitalization of San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter. He began his efforts in the late 1970s, helping to organize and serving as the first president of the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation, a non-profit organization that played a substantial role in Gaslamp's redevelopment efforts. He also successfully lobbied for favorable tax status for the Gaslamp Quarter as well as the East Village which helped to fuel the rapid redevelopment of these distressed neighborhoods. Jim received the Visionary Award for the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation in recognition of his efforts.

Jim loved downtown San Diego, where he and his wife Candice lived for close to 20 years. He was also an avid Padres fan and enjoyed going to games at Petco Park.

Jim is survived by his wife Candice; brother, Mark; two sons, Keith and Jason; his daughter, Kim; and his 6 grandchildren, Avery, Julia, Miles, Sean, Kayla, and Jonah.

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