



MAY 8, 2018

# STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

## *Program*

### WELCOME

*Honorable Glen Googins, City Attorney*

### COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION

*Chula Vista Police Department Honor Guard*

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Led by Girl Scout Troop 6113*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Emily Bautista*

### INVOCATION

*Pastor Emma Davies, C3 Church*

### COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION

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*Honorable Mary Casillas Salas, Mayor*

### ADJOURNMENT

*Reception Immediately Following*

### ENTERTAINMENT

*Moonlight Miles*





# Community Award Recipients

## **Youth Sports Council • Awarded by Mayor Mary Casillas Salas**

Youth sports in Chula Vista are truly exceptional. We have over 700 teams that have brought home numerous local, state, and national championships. Our athletes continuously make headlines, begging the question, "What is in the water in Chula Vista?" Having this many teams makes equitable use of sports fields a priority and something we would not be able to accomplish without the Youth Sports Council (YSC). The YSC was developed to coordinate the use of City facilities and fields, in conjunction with Recreation staff, to serve over 10,000 young athletes. Not only do they have 2,400 volunteer coaches assisting the various leagues through thoughtful allocation of field time, but they have also coordinated hundreds of

volunteers to maintain our sports fields, replace sprinklers and help with the installation of a new water management system that was funded by Measure P. Thanks to these volunteers, we saved over \$45,000 at two parks, helping maximize our Measure P dollars. Through their involvement on the Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committee, the YSC also advocates for youth sports and helps ensure that those revenues are spent as promised. We are eternally grateful to all of our volunteers who with their sweat equity have allowed us to further advance our work and our goal of providing the best sports fields for the youth of Chula Vista.

## **Salvador Garcia & Lupita Ramon • Awarded by Deputy Mayor Mike Diaz**

Salvador Garcia, Lupita Ramon and their two children moved from Mexico to the United States to make a new life in Chula Vista. Without jobs, transportation or a home of their own, they stayed with family while their children attended Castle Park Middle School. They walked their children to school each day and became volunteers on campus. They became involved with the Chula Vista Promise Neighborhood, which is coordinated by South Bay Community Services. This comprehensive initiative facilitates the collaboration of partners focused on supporting family, education, health and community to inspire all children in the Castle Park neighborhood to achieve academic excellence

and aspire to a college and career track.

Today, the couple spends up to eight hours a day advocating for the availability of greater resources to their community. Their son, Juan, studies Political Science while their daughter, Ximena, pursues an education in Zoology and Veterinary medicine. With laughter and disbelief they find it miraculous that they have been married for 39 years, have two children in college, own three cars and no longer have to walk anywhere if they don't want to. Thank you, Salvador and Lupita, for your generous hearts and willingness to share.

## **Bill & Miriam Schlegel • Awarded by Councilmember Patricia Aguilar**

Bill and Miriam Schlegel moved to Chula Vista 26 years ago from Minneapolis, and have been tireless volunteers ever since. Bill has been a statewide advocate for mobile home park residents, working with state legislators on legislation to protect mobile home residents. He has been president of the Terry's Mobile Home Park Homeowners' Association and CAMOA (the California Manufactured-Home Alliance). Bill also served on the board of COMPAC (County Mobilehome Positive Action Committee) and was past president of the Norman Park Center's Seniors Club.

Bill and Miriam also helped organize an Elder Abuse Seminar held at the Civic Center Library. Miriam has volunteered at Scripps Hospital for the past 12 years. Both have also volunteered their time at the Salvation Army on Third Avenue, with Miriam playing piano for events, and Bill serving on the Nutrition Committee and delivering Meals-on-Wheels. What's more, they are both talented singers and musicians (Bill plays the saxophone) who have entertained countless people at the Salvation Army, and at retirement and nursing homes throughout the region.

## **The Phair Company • Awarded by Councilmember John McCann**

The Phair Company has been a member of the Chula Vista business community for 30 years. Jeff and Julie Phair are graduates of Hilltop High School. Jeff was one of the original developers of the master-planned community of Eastlake in the early 1980s. Both Mr. and Mrs. Phair were volunteer track and cross-country coaches at Bonita Vista High School for many years. They are both in the National High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Armida Torres is a project manager for The Phair Company. She is a graduate of Chula Vista High

School. For the past 10 years, she has served as a volunteer on the Chula Vista Growth Management Oversight Commission, and has been the chairperson of that committee for seven years. Over the past 30 years, The Phair Company has been involved in the development of over 6,000 residential units and 1.5 million square feet of commercial buildings. The Phair Company is committed to giving back to the community, having donated over \$2 million to local charities, youth organizations, and college scholarships in the Sweetwater Union High School District.

## **Zaneta Salde Encarnacion • Awarded by Councilmember Stephen C. Padilla**

Zaneta, or "Z" as her friends call her, has lived in Chula Vista for 14 years and has been active since day one. Her passion for our community is evident in her involvement and leadership in the Chula Vista Rotary Club, Chula Vista Charitable Foundation, Child Development Associates, South County PFLAG and her full-time role as Executive Director of the Southwestern College Foundation. Z not only raises money and strategic support for important local causes, she has also been civically involved by participating on Boards and Commissions, providing feedback during the districting process, engaging in community

dialogues and is regularly sought out for participation in civic and philanthropic advisory groups. Her ability to empathize and advocate for those in need of resources and/or understanding has been a driving force in all of her community involvement.

Moving frequently while growing up with little resources, and as a high school dropout that went on to earn a master's degree in public administration, Z does not take for granted the deep roots, relationships and amazing opportunities Chula Vista offers to all who are lucky enough to call it home.