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### Menifee Resident Awarded "Community Champion" Award

MENIFEE—The City of Menifee is excited to announce that Menifee resident Gloria Sanchez has been selected as a "Community Champion" by the California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS) for her tireless efforts improving the quality of life for Menifee residents. The Community Champion Award honors and recognizes individuals and organizations who have contributed significant effort to influence and improve the quality of their community through parks and recreation.

Mrs. Sanchez has volunteered close to 100 hours assisting with organizing and preparation for the heartwarming Menifee event "Menifee Better Together." This event brings together numerous non-profits, local businesses, City staff, youth organizations, and schools to work with the Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity in beautifying homes for seniors who are not able to complete regular exterior house work, beautify parks, and participate in a community clean-up. Among her many accolades, Mrs. Sanchez planned and coordinated two large scale Senior Health Fairs for the City of Menifee in the past two years. Each year, the Health Fair has included more vendors, more attendees, and improved community feedback.

Mrs. Sanchez is the Chairperson of the Riverside County Office on Aging, and works with Supervisor Marion Ashley's Office advising the Supervisor on matters of importance facing seniors. Mrs. Sanchez simultaneously serves as the Chairperson of the Menifee Senior Advisory Council. Mrs. Sanchez has served as Chairperson since the Senior Advisory Committee's inception in 2015. During her time as Chairperson of the Senior Advisory Committee, Mrs. Sanchez has developed a comprehensive resource guide, and worked with staff to ensure funds were available to print the resource guides for all senior residents.

"Community involvement is critical for a healthy community" said Neil Winter, Mayor of Menifee. "Gloria is a shining example of how great events and accomplishments come out of community engagement. We are proud to have Gloria as a Menifee resident, and are very excited to see her receive this well-deserved recognition."

Mrs. Sanchez will formally accept the Community Champion Award on Friday, March 16, 2018 at the CPRS Awards Banquet to be held at the conclusion of a week-long conference in Long Beach. For more information please contact the Community Services Department Office at (951) 723-3880 or visit us online [www.cityofmenifee.us](http://www.cityofmenifee.us).

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**ABOUT MENIFEE:** *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 90,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*