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### City of Menifee City Manager Villa Honored with Excellence in Government Award

MENIFEE, CA—The City of Menifee is proud to announce that City Manager Armando G. Villa has been selected by the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) as the 2020 Excellence in Government award recipient. This award was presented to Mr. Villa virtually during MMASC's Annual Conference last week and was presented in person during the November 4, 2020 Menifee City Council meeting. MMASC honors one local government professional annually with the prestigious Excellence in Government award.

The award is given to an MMASC member who has made a significant contribution to the public service profession or advanced the success of others by affording professional development opportunities, with an emphasis placed on a singular significant accomplishment. Nominations for this award are submitted by professionals in the local government field. Mr. Villa's nomination noted the many innovative programs and streamlined processes he has helped implement for the City of Menifee to ensure efficiency is at its maximum. He encourages collaboration between staff and consistently recognizes contributions from members of the Menifee team. Mr. Villa encourages professional development and is beginning an internal mentorship program for staff. His open-door policy has created a fun, productive work culture in the City of Menifee that has highly boosted employment interest in the City, making it a Top Workplace for three consecutive years. Additionally, Mr. Villa continuously supports Smart City initiatives, such as virtual city hall services, including a no-stop shop, where the public can virtually obtain any city service from the ease of their home or office. Mr. Villa focus on creating a city government that serves residents, businesses, and stakeholders in the ways they prefer. This has directly increased constituent satisfaction, and decreased business project processing times, which positively impacts the quality of life for the Menifee community.

City of Menifee mayor, Bill Zimmerman, shared City Council's pride. "We are pleased that our City Manager has been recognized by MMASC. Mr. Villa's leadership style has set a positive and professional atmosphere at City Hall. His continued support of employee growth and development makes our City a top workplace and helps attract quality employees to serve our residents," he shared.

Mr. Villa expressed his gratitude for receiving this prestigious award. "I am honored to be selected as the 2020 MMASC Excellence in Government award recipient. MMASC's mission echoes many of my guiding principles as a local government leader. Connection and innovation are critical components to the way I serve as a City Manager and they are qualities I try to foster in my team. I have always believed strongly that cities can operate with a forward-thinking mentality. Receiving this award makes me want to continue to think outside of the box, push back barriers, and strive for innovation," he said.

The City of Menifee congratulates Mr. Villa for his 2020 Excellence in Government award and extends sincere thanks to MMASC for encouraging the growth of local government agencies.



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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 97,000 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.*