

CITY OF VENTURA  
**NEWS RELEASE**

501 Poli Street  
Ventura, CA 93001

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**City of Ventura 2019 Employee and Supervisor of the Year announced**

On February 12, 2020 the City of Ventura held an awards ceremony at the Museum of Ventura County to recognize twenty-seven employees nominated for the 2019 Employee and Supervisor of the Year. These awards recognize city employees who are role models for public service and exemplify the city's commitment to excellence.

The twenty nominees for Employee of the Year were:

Michael Acquarelli- Police Department  
Jaime Barrera- Public Works  
Frank Ceniceros- Public Works  
Donny Covarrubias- Public Works  
Paulette Halverson- Ventura Police  
Jeremy Hanson- Ventura Water  
Silvia Huerta-Wetherbee- Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships  
Stephen Marshall- Ventura Water  
Haili Matsukawa- Ventura Water  
Josh McCain- Public Works  
Silvia Medrano- Public Works  
Andrea Palmer- Community Development  
Arriana Rabago- Public Works  
Gina Reyes- Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships  
Aurora Soriano- Public Works  
Don Taylor- Finance & Technology  
Pam Townsend- Finance & Technology  
Orphen Unicornes- Ventura Water  
Robert Wilsher- Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships  
Laura Womack- Public Works

The seven nominees for Supervisor of the Year were:

Matt Cain- Police Department  
Ted Caliento- Police Department  
Bill Dolan- Police Department  
Steven De Fratus- Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships  
Foster McLean- Fire Department  
Scot Weisse- Community Development  
Jerrod Wilson- Ventura Water

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**Michael Acquarelli, Police Sergeant**, was selected as the 2019 Employee of the Year.

**Foster McLean, Fire Prevention Supervisor**, was selected as the 2019 Supervisor of the Year.

City Manager Alexander McIntyre said, “The City of Ventura has a history of the workforce acknowledging and recognizing their exceptional peers. It’s an honor and a pleasure to work with this caliber of employees! “

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