

Proclamation

Joe Hammer and Andrea Perez  
Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce  
2023 Man and Woman of the Year

WHEREAS, The Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce named Joe Hammer and Andrea Perez as the 2023 Garden Grove Man and Woman of the Year for their lifetime volunteerism in the city of Garden Grove. Their reign began July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Joe, a United States Air Force and Army National Guard veteran, opened his moving and storage business, California Relocation Services, Inc., in 1990 before moving to Garden Grove in 1995. He has been in business for over 30 years and was the California Moving and Storage Association president for several years; and

WHEREAS, Joe has been a member of the Garden Grove Rotary Club since 2003 and is currently serving as treasurer. He has received the Rotary International Paul Harris Award and the Rotarian Lifetime Achievement Award. Joe has also been involved with Acacia Adult Day Services, Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, and Garden Grove Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Perez is the immediate past president and current director of community services for the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association. Since 2017, she has served as a member of the City's Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission. She has received the Golden Oak Service Award for her work as an active member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at numerous schools and an executive board member of the Garden Grove Unified Council of PTAs; and

WHEREAS, Andrea has been part of the Lamp Lighter Guild, one of CHOC's founding guilds, for the past ten years, and in 2016, she received a Silver Spoon Award from the Women's Division of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce for her work with the guild; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Garden Grove City Council do hereby proclaim Joe Hammer and Andrea Perez as the 2023 Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year and deeply commend their achievements and unsurpassed spirit of community.

October 10, 2023