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City of Meniffee Receives GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

MENIFEE, CA— On December 7, 2021, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) announced that the City of Meniffee received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget. This is the City's first GFOA Budget Award and is the result of a cross departmental collaboration in the City's continuous efforts of operating as a responsive and transparent community government.

"The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. This has been presented to **Margarita Cornejo, Financial Services Manager**.

There are over 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America," stated the GFOA's press release.

"We are extremely proud of this award as it is a testament to the high-standard of work our staff are producing in the City," said Meniffee City Manager Armando G. Villa. "We are honored to be recognized for our transparency, quality budget practices and presentation."

For more information on the GFOA, please visit <https://www.gfoa.org/>. To view the most recent Meniffee Financial Reports, visit [Financial Reports | City of Meniffee](#).

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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 100,000 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.*