



Perris Press Release

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Perris Council Members Sworn In

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch, incumbent City Councilwoman Rita Rogers and newly elected City Councilman Julio Rodriguez were sworn in to four-year terms at a brief City Council meeting Dec. 4.

The three, in remarks made following their oaths of office, pledged to continue moving Perris forward by working together on behalf of the entire community.

Busch is beginning his sixth-term as Mayor, a tenure that has seen the City's population increase dramatically and been marked by major civic improvements and several good government awards for sustainable energy programs, historical preservation and public outreach which resulted in a new sewer system for the disadvantaged community of Enchanted Heights.

"We're here for the community," Busch said. "We're here to work for the community and we will continue to work on behalf of the community."

Busch said he will work with his City Council colleagues to maintain a frugal but effective budget and reserves while continuing to attract businesses and services that benefit "all the residents of this great City."

"I've enjoyed serving as Mayor and I continue to enjoy it," he said. "I look forward to continue the progress we've made over the years."

Busch ran unopposed in the November election. The Mayor thanked his wife, Kay, who was in the audience.

Rogers, who was elected in November to a fourth-council term, also took the opportunity to thank her family, addressing by name five of her grandsons who attended the special meeting.

"Great moments like this are always better when shared with family," she said. "Our City Council is still doing a wonderful job. It is an honor to serve."

Rogers said the City Council has completed or begun several impressive projects—the Big League Dreams sports complex, a new aquatics center, the Perris Station Apartment and the Mercado Apartments—in the last year despite a still-sluggish economy. In addition, Perris has maintained a healthy budget reserve by practicing frugal budgeting.

Rogers said she will strive to bring more sit-down restaurants and retail businesses to the City while working to keep Perris public safety a top priority. She said she welcomes the opportunity to work with Rodriguez, who will bring a "different dynamic and perspective to this City Council."

Rodriguez read a prepared statement in which he thanked his family, friends and supporters for voting him into office in a campaign that made extensive use of social media. He thanked his parents, Rosa and Salvador and his sister, Anna, Marylu and Karina for "believing in my vision to make Perris a better place."

"I am so thankful for them," he said. "To my friends and allies, I thank you so much because I am empowered by the knowledge that this was a campaign of the community for the people of this great community. I am incredibly humbled by the responsibility that has been bestowed upon me."

Rodriguez said that he expects, and hopes, the community will hold him accountable as a council member, promising to

"work on behalf of the 70,000 amazing people who make this a great community to live in."

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve my town, our town," he said.

Rodriguez summed up his remarks by outlining his guiding principles, which include "equality, fairness, kindness, compassion, treating people as you would want to be treated, helping those in need and always sharing a smile."



Perris City Clerk Judy Haughney administers the oath of office to newly elected City Councilman Julio Rodriguez.



Perris Mayor Daryl Busch is sworn in for his sixth term at the Dec. 4 Perris City Council meeting. Busch has served as Perris Mayor since 1999.