



## Perris Press Release

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### Arturo Garcia Awarded for Making A Difference

Perris Public Works supervisor Arturo Garcia was honored Sunday during Perris' Multi-Cultural Parade and Festival for his work with community organizations and his "devotion and passion" to City residents.

Garcia received the "Making a Difference Award," which was presented by representatives of the group TODEC (Training Occupational Development Educating Communities), which works to provide services for immigrants while educating them and encouraging permanent residents to become citizens.

TODEC representative Luz Gallegos said Garcia was nominated by three members of the Perris community, who praised him for his can-do spirit.

"He's always very friendly and willing to help out," Gallegos said. "He goes out of his way to help people."

Garcia, a native of Mexico who began his career as a janitor who now supervises parks and recreation workers in Perris, was also hailed as an immigrant success story who "elevated himself by his own hard work," Gallegos said.

Garcia was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, raised in Apasangan, Michoacan and moved to Los Angeles when he was 11. He attended Los Angeles Trade Tech where he received his electrical certification and later attended Hope University in Fullerton.

He worked as an Operations and Maintenance Supervisor in Riverside County before coming to the City of Perris as a Maintenance Crew Leaders. Arturo's responsibilities include supervising the maintenance at City parks and streets, including graffiti and weed abatement, pothole repairs and tree trimming.

"Hard work always pays off," Garcia said while he accepted the award before hundreds of people. "I am grateful and humbled by this recognition."

Arturo is married to the former Veronica Bejar.

They are the parents of four children—sons Arturo Jr., 12; Omar, 11 and Alexander, 8 and a daughter, Fatima Bella, 7 months. Arturo is active in his church, St. Francis of Rome, in Wildomar. He has coached soccer and plays basketball for fun.



Public Works supervisor Arturo Garcia received the "Making a Difference" Award during the City's Multi-Cultural Parade and Festival Sunday. He was nominated by three Perris residents for his can-do spirit and willingness to work with community organizations and individuals.



Public Works supervisor Arturo Garcia, his wife, Veronica, and their children in front of the fountain at Perris City Hall.