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## **City Teams With CMI Alumni to Donate Masks to Community**

PERRIS, Calif. (May 15, 2020) — The City of Perris partnered with a California Military Institute Alumni and participated in a mask giveaway at Morgan Park on Friday, May 15, 2020.

The City has been working with University of California San Diego Student and Perris resident, Yazmin Munoz, on a new project to aid in the need of masks for the community.

Munoz has secured 10 volunteers to begin sewing masks. With the help of the City of Perris, the team, alongside with Ms. Munoz, secured enough fabric and sewing supplies to continue their production of the masks.

Councilmember Malcolm Corona had championed the project and coordinated with the City to distribute the masks at Morgan Park. Munoz, who trained under Corona while running track at CMI, says it's important to give back to the community.

"Like a lot of students, we have all been home watching the news and its frustrating to feel like you can't do anything about it," said Munoz. "So, I reached out to Council Member Corona and he came through and helped me get some supplies to complete this project."

Corona, Munoz and their respective teams passed out 50 masks labeled with the City's marketing slogan, #PerrisTogether, which remains relevant to the efforts of the day. Corona talked about these efforts and how its been encouraging to see from the young people.

"Our City has seen an outpowering of support from all our residents, and especially from our young people who are coming together to find ways to support one another," said Corona. "When Yazmin contacted me about a way that she could help, we put her in touch with some people who work at the city to make these awesome masks and we are so appreciative of that."

Munoz and her team have made 150 masks and expect to continue making more. Corona and Munoz we will be distributing masks to Perris High School workers serving meals to the students in the following week.

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