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MELISSA ARMIT HONORED AS 2019 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Chino Hills, CA – Melissa Armit was honored recently as the City of Chino Hills' Employee of the Year for 2019 at the annual employee recognition event. She is the Community Services Supervisor in charge of the Chino Hills Community Center and McCoy Equestrian & Recreation Center.

Her colleagues nominated her because of her dedication to the City and strong work ethic. She has a positive influence on her team and makes excellent customer service a priority. Melissa raises the bar with new ideas for her programs. She strives to improve the way things are done and increase efficiencies. She serves as the City's liaison to the Chino Hills Community Foundation assisting with events such as the Wine Walk, Home Tours, and concerts. Melissa has been instrumental in developing the Community Center and McCoy facility into premier wedding venues and rental facilities. Her role requires her involvement in a myriad of complex duties from policy development, to facility improvement, staff development, guest interaction, and more.

She is a "hometown" girl who grew up in Chino Hills and graduated from Ruben S. Ayala High School. Her mother, Gaylene Merrill, was a volunteer who helped organize the City's earliest Old-Fashioned Fourth of July events. Her 19-year career at the City began in 2000 as a part-time Recreation Leader working summer programs. She worked her way up the ranks as a Lifeguard/Instructor, a Senior Recreation Leader, an Administrative Clerk, and in 2006 was promoted to Recreation Coordinator. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Finance from California State University Fullerton and became an Administrative Analyst in the Community Relations Division in 2008. She returned to Community Services Department as Recreation Supervisor in 2013.

Melissa has been married to her husband, Adam, for nine years and they have two children. She enjoys time with the family, visiting wineries, and throwing tremendous parties.

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