



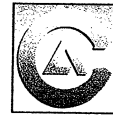
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Victoria Deise Wilson installed as new Alhambra Chamber president



Victoria Deise Wilson, senior development manager at The Alhambra, was installed as president of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's 104th installation dinner in July. From left are Wayne Ratkovich, president and CEO of Ratkovich Co.; Clare De Briere, executive vice president and CEO of Ratkovich Co.; and Deise Wilson.

Victoria Deise Wilson, senior development manager of The Ratkovich Company, has been installed as the new president of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's 104th installation took place on July 20 at The Alhambra, a 45-acre, one million square foot office campus whose operations Deise Wilson has overseen for the past six years.

More than 250 Chamber members and guests attended the event to offer congratulations to Deise Wilson and to honor outgoing President Joe Pavon. Pavon received congratulatory certificates from Governor Arnold Schwarzeneg-

ger, Congressman Adam Schiff, State Board of Equalization member Judy Chu, State Assemblymember Mike Eng, State Senator Gil Cedillo, Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Alhambra Mayor Gary Yamauchi, the City of Alhambra and the Alhambra Unified School District.

Emcee Steve Perry, president of the Alhambra Educational Foundation, announced the names of the 2007 Chamber Scholarship winners who attended: Bernie Kuan, Erik Jimenez, Laura Nguyen and Sarah Correa.

Former Mayor Mark Paulson

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presented the Outstanding Business of the Year Award to Mike Fata, Charlie's Trio Restaurant. This award is given to a Chamber company that makes unselfish contributions of time and energy to the community. Former Mayor Mary Louise Bunker presented the Past President Distinguished Community Service Award to Marshall Chuang, Alhambra Mazda. The Past President Award is given for effective leadership and voluntary participation in activities beneficial to the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce and the community.

Retired Chamber board member Jeff Owen received a plaque for his dedication and commitment to the board.

"We are the fastest growing chamber in the San Gabriel Valley," said Deise Wilson. "In the coming year, I want us to continue this trend, expanding our influence in this part of the San Gabriel Valley for businesses large and small. I plan to build on the Chamber's past success and ensure that every member receives the value and service they deserve."

Since joining The Ratkovich Company six years ago, Deise Wilson has been responsible for supervising the leasing of more than 450,000 square feet of office space at The Alhambra. She also provided oversight for the devel-

opment of The Shops at The Alhambra, a 120,000 square foot retail center located immediately adjacent to the main Alhambra office campus.

Deise Wilson and her team are currently engaged in the development of a 50,000 square foot LA Fitness center, which broke ground last month, as well as planning for the development of the Villages at The Alhambra, a 350-unit town home and condominium project expected to break ground in late 2008.

Bob Greenberg, Alhambra Camera/Snap'n Scrap, provided the photography for the installation.

Special thanks went to Chamber volunteer Barbara Zuehls.

The Bobby Perino Orchestra provided the music.