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## Johncito Peraza

FOR HIS COUNTLESS ACHIEVEMENTS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF COMMERCE AS A COMMISSIONER

**WHEREAS,** Johncito Peraza is a lifelong resident of the City of Commerce, a proud product of the Montebello Unified School District, and an active community member who has left an incredible mark in the community at such a young age; and

**WHEREAS,** Johncito Peraza is currently pursuing a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Healthcare Administration with an emphasis in Political Science and Government from the University of Arizona, and his academic distinctions include the Dean's List and the Dean's List with Distinction; and

**WHEREAS,** Johncito Peraza has been actively involved in the community since 2009, and at age 13 was the City's youngest block Captain for Bandini Neighborhood and has actively been involved in Neighborhood Watch meetings; and

**WHEREAS,** Johncito Peraza became the City's youngest Community Services Commissioner at the age of 18, and while in this capacity championed the formation of Teen Comcats program, focused on promoting crime prevention programs, recommended establishing the City's camera rebate program, and assisted in forming the Homeless Advisory Ad Hoc Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** Johncito Peraza became the youngest Planning Commissioner at the age of 21, primarily focusing on economic development, beautification, and revitalization, and is currently serving as the Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS,** Johncito Peraza tirelessly volunteers for non-profit organizations including the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and the American Red Cross, and is an active member of the Pasadena United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS,** Johncito Peraza served as President of the Model City Democratic Club of Commerce since 2017, and served as the President of the Commerce Evening Lions Club from 2018 to 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Johncito Peraza works for Blue Shield of California as an Appeal and Grievance Coordinator, assisting patients with the coordination of their care; and

**WHEREAS**, Johncito Peraza's service and dedication embodies his commitment to helping his friends, family, and community, is a model resident of the City of Commerce, giving back to his community whenever he can, and is a leading voice in advocating for civic engagement and actively participates in community events, always displays leadership and perseverance to make the lives of resident's better.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY COMMENDS JOHNCITO PERAZA FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF COMMERCE AND VOLUNTEER EFFORTS. THE CITY OF COMMERCE EXTENDS ITS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE SELFLESS CONTRIBUTIONS HE HAS MADE TO THE COMMERCE COMMUNITY.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2022

ATTEST: Lena Shumway Leonard Mendoza City Clerk Mayor