

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE  
COMMENDS  
**ROBERT LIPTON**  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND FOR  
31 YEARS OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

*WHEREAS, Robert Lipton was first hired by the City of Commerce in 1988 as a Community Center Supervisor to oversee Veterans Park; and*

*WHEREAS, Robert Lipton, in his 31 years with the City, earned a succession of promotions and title changes which led him to serve the community in various capacities as Sports Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Manager, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, and in 2015, Director of Parks and Recreation; and*

*WHEREAS, Robert Lipton is a fitness advocate who is credited with upgrading the exercise, weight and fitness center equipment, facilitating the designing of the Bristow Park playground and the installation of the outdoor fitness equipment at all parks; and*

*WHEREAS, Robert Lipton helped families by enhancing the After-School Kids Club and Day Camp programs to better serve working parents and ensuring all Parks and Recreation programs were accessible to all patrons; and*

*WHEREAS, Robert Lipton is a sports enthusiast who was instrumental in establishing the boys and girls soccer travel teams, boys baseball travel team, Crush Volleyball and the creation of the second softball field at Bristow Park; and*

*WHEREAS, Robert Lipton encouraged staff to earn their exercise certification, college degrees and anything else that would benefit the City and themselves, and further inspired them by earning his Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1993:*

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CONGRATULATES ROBERT LIPTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND FOR PROVIDING 31 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF COMMERCE. YOUR DILIGENCE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS HAVE ENSURED THAT OUR PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM AND FOR LIVENING UP MANY OF OUR EMPLOYEE FUNCTIONS WITH YOUR QUICK AND RELENTLESS WIT. WE WISH YOU A LONG, ACTIVE AND HAPPY RETIREMENT.**

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2019.

ATTEST:

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John Soria  
Mayor

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Lena Shumway  
City Clerk