

# CITY OF CYPRESS **PRESS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: Cypress Mayor Mariellen Yarc Delivers the 2016 State of the City Address**



(Left: Mayor Mariellen Yarc)



(Right: Pictured from Left: Mayor Mariellen Yarc; Mr. Chuck Hansen, Hansen Auto Body & Paint; Mr. Peter Grant, City Manager)

Cypress Mayor Mariellen Yarc delivered her State of the City Address and presented Business of the Year awards at the Cypress Community Center on January 20, 2016.

Mayor Yarc's speech recounted many of the City's accomplishments in 2015: City Council adoption of a strategic plan and a balanced budget; improvements in transparency and communication with the community; a new farmers market; new business and retail centers under construction; and the ongoing success of community recreation programs. Mayor Yarc also highlighted the accomplishments of Cypress' school community.

Mayor Yarc's address focused on the theme "Balance is the Key to Life." She highlighted the efforts that contribute to ensuring that Cypress is a thriving, balanced community in which to live, work and play. Additionally, the Mayor recognized Oxford

Academy student and Cypress resident Dan Ta, for his many accomplishments including recently being selected and one of Orange County's 100 Most Influential.

Three businesses were also honored during the event with the Annual BRACE, AGENT, and SPIRIT Business of the Year Awards.

The recipient of the BRACE Business of the Year Award was Christie Digital Systems. In attendance to receive the award was Anna Escudero, Senior Director of Human Resources. Christie has called Cypress home since 1994. They are an industry leader in providing state of the art visual and audio equipment and display solutions for companies like AMC Theatres, Boeing, Fox TV Studios, Pixar Animation Studios, and Starbucks. In addition to being a global leader in its field, Christie is also a generous corporate citizen, providing sponsorships and donations for innovations in the arts, culture, education and the environment.

The AGENT Business of the Year Award was awarded to Kaeser Compressors. Mr. Keith Baker, Branch Manager, was in attendance to receive the award. Kaeser Compressors is an industry leader in providing compressed air systems and services. They are the preferred choice of many top automotive restorers and fabricators featured on television shows, including Stacey David's Gearz on Velocity TV and West Coast Customs featured on Fox Sports.

The recipient of the SPIRIT Business of the Year Award was Hansen Auto Body & Paint. Mr. Chuck Hansen was in attendance to accept the award. Hansen Auto Body & Paint is a family-owned business that has been providing Cypress with the highest quality auto body repair services for more than 55 years.

Mayor Yarc concluded the event with a quote, "As Albert Einstein said, 'Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance you must keep moving.' And my colleagues and I will do everything possible to keep Cypress moving in the right direction."

For more information regarding the City of Cypress, the BRACE, AGENT, and SPIRIT programs, other City services for the business community, or for information on how to relocate your business to the City of Cypress, please contact Redevelopment Project Manager Steve Clarke at (714) 229-6728.

A video of the Mayor's State of the City Address can be found on the City's website at [www.ci.cypress.ca.us](http://www.ci.cypress.ca.us).

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