



# Press Release

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## **KEN AND LAURA MONTAGUE HONORED AS HIGHLIGHTED VOLUNTEERS**

Chino Hills, CA - Chino Hills residents Ken and Laura Montague have been selected as the City's Highlighted Volunteers. Ken and Laura have been helping to keep Chino Hills graffiti free since 2010 as members of the Volunteer Graffiti Abatement Team. As part of this program, team members respond to and immediately abate graffiti on City property.

Ken and Laura also remove litter and graffiti from the City's Alterra and Overlook parks through the City's Park, Roadway, and Trail adoption program. Volunteers in this program dedicate time to providing graffiti abatement and litter removal services to designated areas in our communities and neighborhoods to ensure they are clean for all to enjoy. In 2008, the Montague's hosted their first National Night out, a tradition they continue to this day. The evening brings neighborhoods together to promote police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Ken and Laura are also widely known throughout the community for being animal advocates and their work helping to reunite missing pets with their owners.

Laura served on the Chino Hills Healthy Cities Committee and as a member of the City's Animal Care Ad Hoc Committee. As part of this, she worked with City Council, City leaders, and animal welfare partners to develop the "Getting 2 Zero" program that has significantly reduced the euthanasia rate of pets. Laura was named the 2017 Outstanding Citizen of the Chino Valley and the 2015 Chino Hills Community Hero at the Los Angeles County Fair.

When asked what they enjoy most about volunteering, Ken and Laura say it is rewarding to do something for the community and their neighbors, even though they may never meet.

Ken and Laura have been married for 26 years and have been residents of Chino Hills since 2003. Ken is a retired Los Angeles Police Sergeant II and was a former sniper on their elite S.W.A.T. team during his career. Laura is a retired nurse who transitioned to police services for the California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles Police Department. Ken and Laura are also passionate advocates for helping the homeless and displaced community members return to society. Together, they have two children, four grandchildren, and four dogs.

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