Finance Buyer Mike Fuentes presented with City Manager Leadership Award

City Manager Cecilia Gallardo-Daly presented the City Manager Leadership Award for December to Finance Department Buyer, Mike Fuentes.

“Mike is a dedicated and valued team member in the Finance Department,” Gallardo-Daly said. “He is one of those rare employees whose blend of dedication, skill, humor, and humility makes a genuine difference across the organization. I’m proud to present him with this award.”

Fuentes is an important member of the Purchasing Division responsible for contract management, bid development, and day-to-day purchasing needs. He approaches each task with professionalism and careful attention to detail, ensuring the City maintains transparency, compliance, and consistency in all procurement activities.

Whether it’s preparing solicitations, assisting with vendor questions, or tracking down urgent requests. he handles it all with reliability and a positive attitude.

Fuentes first joined the City in August 2014 as a part-time Permit Process Specialist, quickly proving himself to be reliable, and committed to public service. His performance led to his promotion to full-time Permit Process Specialist in January 2016.

Continuing to expand his skills and responsibilities, Fuentes joined the Finance Department as a Buyer in February 2017, where he has been an essential part of the Purchasing Division ever since.

Throughout his time with the city, Fuentes has taken on a variety of procurement responsibilities and has consistently demonstrated growth in his role.

His ability to navigate complex purchasing processes, support departments with their procurement needs, and keeps moving forward reflects his commitment to high-quality work and exceptional customer service.

Fuentes holds a bachelor’s degree in political science, with an emphasis on policy, from Cal State Fullerton.