

May 31, 2022



**Letter From the Mayor**

Dear Residents of Yucaipa,

Let me start off by saying that I could not be prouder of our community. Once again, we had volunteers of all ages and all walks of life participating in our Music & Arts Festival. In the weeks leading up to the event and during the festival activities, volunteers truly demonstrated their willingness to serve our community. Not only did thousands of residents come out to enjoy the Music & Arts Festival, but the event brought out visitors from across the Inland Empire. It was great to see the businesses in the Uptown area open and filled with patrons; receiving the well-earned business and exposure they deserve. I deeply appreciate all the volunteers' willingness to dedicate their entire weekend to this event, it demonstrates your reverence for community service.

Also, I would like to thank all our community partners. Your collaboration was instrumental in helping us put on this event. Your willingness to donate your time and resources toward facilitating this event is admirable. Below are the organizations that helped with the Music & Arts Festival .

- Yucaipa Chamber of Commerce
- Rotary Club of Yucaipa
- Knights of Columbus
- Gem and Mineral Society
- Christ the Redeemer Church
- Public Arts Committee
- Lady Bug Plants
- News Mirror
- Yucaipa Police Department
- Yucaipa Fire Department

With that said, I would like to sincerely thank City staff as well. Without you, this event would not have been possible. This years' Music & Arts Festival by far had the most City Staff participation. They dedicated a significant amount of time in developing plans, meeting with stakeholders, and preparing the Uptown area for this event. I personally witnessed City Staff schedule adjusting and volunteering more time for this event than ever before. I cannot thank you enough for dedicating your personal time and resources to this effort.

It was great to see old friends and have the opportunity to make new ones. I look forward to the 2023 Music & Arts Festival. I know it will be an outstanding event that will highlight our community.

Sincerely,

Mayor David Avila