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### **OCTax Hands Out “Roses and Radishes” Awards at Inaugural Event**

LAKE FOREST, Calif. — The Orange County Taxpayers Association (OCTax) handed out several Roses and Radishes last Thursday at its inaugural “Roses, Radishes and the Royalty Awards” in front of an estimated 300 guests.

The Rose Awards were given to those individuals or organizations that have been friends to taxpayers in the previous year, Radish Awards to those individuals or organizations that have not been friends to the taxpayers, and the Royalty Award to that individual or organization that is singled out as having established a legacy of service to the taxpayer.

The Rose Awards recipients were: Sheriff Sandra Hutchens, Association of California Cities-Orange County and the City of Costa Mesa. The Radish recipients were: the Cities of Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Laguna Woods and Los Alamitos for utilizing red light cameras, Nick Berardino, General Manager of the Orange County Employees Associations, and the Orange County Human Resources Department.

Reed Royalty’s dedicated leadership to the taxpayers of Orange County was recognized by his receiving the first Royalty award, which is his namesake.

The Orange County Taxpayers Association (OCTax) is the taxpayers’ advocate on many public policy issues in Orange County. OCTax was co-founded in 1986 by Reed Royalty, who still serves as its President.

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