



# CITY OF WHITTIER

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### **CITY OF WHITTIER EARNS NATIONAL BUDGET AWARD FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

Whittier, CA — The City of Whittier is proud to announce it has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), marking the fourth year in a row Whittier has earned prestigious national recognition.

The award honors cities that demonstrate excellence in budget planning, transparency, and communication. This recognition reflects Whittier's careful planning and responsible financial management that support high-quality programs, services, and infrastructure throughout the community.

"To receive this award for a fourth consecutive year is a meaningful achievement," said Mayor Joe Vinatieri. "It highlights the City Council's dedication to remaining transparent, and fiscally responsible on a consistent basis, and reflects the exemplary work of City staff whose careful stewardship of public funds allows us to continue delivering the services Whittier residents rely on and enjoy."

To qualify for the award, Whittier's budget was evaluated against nationally recognized standards and rated proficient in four key areas: serving as a clear policy document, a sound financial plan, a practical operations guide, and an effective communications tool for the public. Budgets must meet all required criteria across these categories to earn the distinction.

The GFOA's Budget Awards Program includes more than 1,900 participating governments across North America. Award recipients are recognized for setting a high standard in public budgeting and for making financial information accessible and understandable to the communities they serve.

This recognition reinforces the City's ongoing commitment to balanced budgets, long-term planning, and careful stewardship of public funds ensuring that Whittier parks are maintained, programs are well supported, and essential services remain strong year after year.

The City congratulates its Finance Department and staff for their continued professionalism and dedication to serving the Whittier community. For more information, visit [www.cityofwhittier.org](http://www.cityofwhittier.org).

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