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### Senior Prom Recap

*Los Alamitos, CA* – The City of Los Alamitos Recreation & Community Services Department held its 9<sup>th</sup> annual Senior Prom event on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Los Alamitos Community Center (10911 Oak St.). The Department invited the older adults in the community to participate in this reimagined night of an age-old High School tradition. Ultimately, the Senior Prom was created to provide a fun and exciting social gathering for the local seniors. The event was organized by Recreation Coordinator Gilberto Arteaga-Ceja and Recreation Specialist Dante Lostracco. As in previous years, the evening featured dancing, live music, dinner, a crowning ceremony, a photo booth, a sweets table, a beverage bar, and door prizes. Adding to this year’s casino-themed soiree were two casino table games featuring blackjack and roulette.

Tickets were available during pre-sale for \$8, with an option to purchase a table for eight friends for a total of \$64. Typically, tickets can be bought at the door on the day of the event for \$10, but this year the event sold out early. The recently renovated Los Alamitos Community Center was buzzing with excitement as both old and new faces gathered. Recreation staff worked diligently to set up the room in the hours leading up to the 3 p.m. opening. The color theme for the night was unmistakably red, black, and white, which filled the room. Large playing cards and suit symbols adorned the space, appearing to float between the walls and illuminated by the red beams from the PAR lights on the floor. Thirteen round tables were arranged in an offset pattern, seamlessly interlacing throughout the room. Each table was covered in black tablecloths and featured metallic gold circular placemats, shimmering three-dimensional card suit symbols, and a thoughtfully arranged, elegant floral centerpiece of red roses and white baby's breath.

Staff began to check in guests 20 minutes before 3 p.m. ensuring ample time for guests to settle in their seats before officially kicking things off. At the entrance, every attendee received a ticket for the prize drawing at the end of the evening and a silver “Casino Royale” labeled poker chip. The chip provided a complimentary glass of wine for every participant, with an additional drink available at a suggested donation of \$5. A special thank you goes out to the Los Alamitos Senior Club, which provided the wine. All other



non-alcoholic beverages were available at no charge. Shortly after everybody was seated, Recreation Specialist Dante Lostracco took center stage as MC and energized the crowd by introducing live musical entertainment by King Salmon and the Funk Yard Horns.

As the party was in full swing, a brief pause was taken at 4 p.m. to announce the Prom King and Queen. This year's winners were John and Devonna Murrin, a stunning couple dressed in their finest attire, capturing everyone's attention. They received golden, bedazzled crowns and complimentary sashes. After the announcement, the band played a few more popular songs before taking a short break for dinner. Mayor Shelley Hasselbrink was also in attendance; she shared some kind words with the crowd before helping with the meal service. Dinner was catered from a local favorite, Ameci Pizza and Pasta, and featured Lasagna, salad, and garlic bread.

Guests continued to enjoy their dinner as the band took to the stage. It wasn't long before the music reinvigorated the crowd. The electrifying tunes jump-started the room, and the party was back on. While some took the dance floor,

other guests took turns taking pictures in front of the fabulous casino-themed sequin backdrop framed by red curtains, casino props, and a spiral of red, black, and white balloons. Everyone was welcome to take a physical photo print home.

A few steps away, the casino tables were full. While no money was at stake, the two charismatic dealers ensured everybody was having a good time. The top chip holder after each 20-minute tournament-style game walked away with a special red and black "Casino Royale" poker chip. The chip provided an additional ticket for the prizes at the end of the party. If attendees weren't dancing, posing for a photo, playing blackjack, or socializing by the bar, they might be grabbing a snack at the sweets table. The luxuriously laid out table was illuminated by the mesmerizing glow of the casino-inspired neon signage and featured macrons, golden Ferrero Rocher and Hershey chocolate, cookies, cream puffs, and coffee cake bites. If attendees weren't dancing, posing for photos, playing blackjack, or socializing at the bar, they were likely enjoying a snack at the sweets table. This lavishly arranged table was highlighted by the captivating glow of casino-inspired neon signage and featured an assortment of treats, including macarons, golden Ferrero Rocher chocolates, Hershey's chocolate, cookies, cream puffs, and coffee cake bites. Hot coffee was also readily available.

Around 5:30 p.m., the final portion of the event included multiple giveaways. The band assisted with a suspenseful drumroll as ticket numbers were called, announcing winnings totaling over \$200. Donations were provided by the following businesses.



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- Chick-Fil-A
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- Taco Surf

The Los Alamitos Recreation & Community Services Department remains committed to its mission of providing engaging community events to bring the community closer together. This successful evening underscored the importance of offering events for people of all ages.

Set your calendars because Senior Prom will return with another exciting, themed night next May. For more information about upcoming events and programs, please visit [www.cityoflosalamitos.org/recreation](http://www.cityoflosalamitos.org/recreation) or contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at (562) 430 – 1073.



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