

February 26, 2019 – Opening Ceremony

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OPENING DIGNITARY

Harry S. Sidhu, P.E., Mayor of Anaheim



Harry Sidhu was elected mayor of Anaheim in November 2018, representing the city at large.

Sidhu previously served on Anaheim's City Council from 2004 to 2012, including as mayor pro tem from 2009 to 2011 and in 2012.

Before first serving on the City Council, Sidhu was chairman of Anaheim's Budget Advisory Commission and served on the city's Audit Committee.

He also previously served on the board of directors for the Orange County Water District and as an alternate to the Santa Ana Watershed Authority board of directors.

As mayor, Sidhu seeks to encourage a thriving business community and economic development that creates jobs and housing and that meets the needs of residents and businesses.

During his first tenure on Anaheim's City Council, Sidhu started the city's annual free Anaheim Health Fair as well as the yearly Anaheim/OC Job Fair and Expo.

Sidhu is honored to be Anaheim's first mayor of Indian heritage. Born and raised in India, Sidhu came to the United States in 1974 with his family, settling in Philadelphia. He became a U.S. citizen in 1979.

Sidhu holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Philadelphia's Drexel University.

He came to Southern California in 1980 to work as an engineer for aerospace companies Rockwell International, General Dynamics and Hughes Aircraft.

Sidhu understands the value of honest, hard work. He worked his way through college and, after a successful engineering career, started a small business that began with a single restaurant.

He is now recognized as a successful California businessman and owner of restaurants in Orange County.

Sidhu and his wife Gin have lived in Anaheim since 1994 with their two children.

His community involvement has included service as a board member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Anaheim, an advisory board member of the Anaheim Family YMCA and a member of the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce and the Anaheim Small Business Chamber.

Sidhu also has coached youth soccer and is a supporter of the arts and arts education. He is a licensed professional engineer, general aviation pilot and real estate broker.