



*Los Angeles County  
District Attorney's*

*Courageous  
Citizen Awards  
Ceremony*

*Wednesday, August 7, 2019*

*Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Long Beach*

## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### JOHN LAGUNA AND ROGELIO MARTINEZ-REYES

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Presented by Deputy District Attorney Hikari Kimura

Mr. John Laguna and Mr. Rogelio Martinez-Reyes were working in their Signal Hill office on March 9, 2018, when they saw a man assaulting his girlfriend in an alley. Mr. Martinez-Reyes yelled for the man to stop and ran after the fleeing suspect. Mr. Laguna stayed and comforted the injured woman and called 911. The men stopped the brutal attack, preventing further harm to the woman, and were ready to testify as witnesses for the prosecution, prompting a guilty plea in the domestic violence case.

### VIRIDIANA CHAVEZ

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Presented by Deputy District Attorney Safaan Ahmed

On May 31, 2018, Ms. Viridiana Chavez's 12-year-old daughter was sexually assaulted while walking to school in Los Angeles. Five days later, Ms. Chavez was walking her daughter to school when the girl saw her attacker. Ms. Chavez called 911 and followed the man onto a Metro Blue Line train toward Long Beach and then, when he got onto a bus, chased him on foot, all while keeping sheriff's deputies informed of his whereabouts. Her courageous actions and willingness to testify at trial helped take a violent offender off our streets.

### JOHN RASKI

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Presented by Deputy District Attorney Maren Dermody

On June 14, 2015, Mr. John Raski and his wife were reading in their bedroom when they heard loud noises outside their San Pedro home. Mr. Raski went to the window and saw a man chasing another man around a car. He then watched as the suspect fatally shot the other man. Mr. Raski was able to identify the suspect for authorities. He testified for the prosecution at two separate murder trials, after the first jury could not reach a unanimous verdict. His testimony was essential in getting justice for the victim and his family.