



On Friday May 16, 2014 Councilmember Barrera hosted the Salinas Excellence Awards at the Monterey County Office of Education. You were among several community members recognized for their outstanding commitment to community service. You were recognized for your many years of selfless giving to the community—specifically, for your very quiet but years-long tradition of coming to work every Christmas day, filling the trunk of a patrol car with toys you purchase with your own money and delivering them to children in Salinas.

While the Department has been aware of your generosity for many years you have always been very humble about what you do. Your insistence that you do this for the good of the community and not for self-recognition is clear. It was great, however, to see you recognized publicly for your service.

Gerry, you accepted the award as we would expect, with quiet graciousness and humility. For your truly professional behavior and initiative shown while off-duty, it is my honor to present you with this Letter of Achievement.