

## 50th Anniversary Commemoration Dinner for Oxnard's Native Born Mayor Bill Soo Hoo



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On May 21, 2016, the Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society (VCCAHS), the Ventura County Chinese American Association (VCCAA) and the City of Oxnard held a commemoration dinner for approximately 250 attendees to celebrate the 50th

anniversary of Oxnard's first native born, Chinese American mayor. Mayor Bill Soo Hoo was selected to be Oxnard's mayor in 1966 and served the city as mayor for four years. The event honored his family, his political career, and his contributions to the City of Oxnard. His contributions included: enticing new industries into the area to serve Oxnard's growing population, improving relations with the cities of Port Hueneme and Camarillo, and the development of the inland harbor, the Cultural Arts Center, and additional fire departments. The keynote speaker was California State Treasurer, the Honorable John Chiang. Other speakers included current Oxnard Mayor Tim Flynn and Oxnard Harbor Commission president and former Oxnard Mayor, Dr. Manuel Lopez. Mayor Soo Hoo's wife Angela and their only son Brian were in attendance to accept proclamations from John Chiang, Fiona Ma from the State Board of Equalization and other state government officials. Oxnard Mayor Tim Flynn presented a memorial plaque. Performances at the dinner included music by The Voice of Thousand Oaks Music Academy, Lion Dance by the Camarillo Kung Fu & Lion Dance Association, and cultural dances by the VCCAA Dance Troupe.

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