

Raul Sada

Public Works Custodian Raul Sada has a diverse background. Originally from Cuba and having grown up in nearby Glendale, he served for 12 years as a United States Marine prior to coming to work for the City of Burbank.

Raul has an incredibly strong work ethic and takes tremendous pride in everything he does. No matter how big or small the task, Raul is there to get it done, and sometimes without any ability to plan. Most recently he was instrumental in assisting with setting up chairs and creating a welcoming environment when a larger than expected crowd showed up to a Council meeting. He dropped everything to ensure this got done immediately and the public appreciated his efforts.

In his position in City Hall, he has to assist weekly (sometimes several times a week) with Council member deliveries as well as Council meeting set-up and clean-up. Raul always goes above and beyond by ensuring everything is set up perfectly and on time, and he even puts all the leftover food away and does the dishes. His willingness to make the Council meeting nights smooth is of great help to the City Manager/City Council staff. It is of great comfort to know that Raul has the situation covered.

Raul is always polite, respectful, and responsive to questions and requests. He regularly interacts with Council Members, Executives and City Hall staff as well as members of the public and shows the same courtesy and friendliness to all. He proved himself trustworthy and consistent, having served as custodian to the Police Department for several years before coming back to City Hall and the City Manager/City Council offices.

Raul is one of the best custodians we have had in City Hall, he is conscientious, focused and never leaves any area or project incomplete. He is incredibly reliable and has the best positive-can do attitude. He consistently makes our environment a place we feel comfortable working in and is so pleasant to work with. We all enjoy seeing him and appreciate his hard work.

There are certain people who are quiet heroes, these are the people who never complain, do things without being asked, and always do the right thing, even if it isn't the easiest thing to do. Raul is for sure a quiet hero, who day in and day out does the work without expecting any recognition.

He is a proud grandfather of five, a passionate surfer, and has been with the City for 13 years. Having a Custodian as employee of the year will let employees know that they are seen, heard and appreciated, even if their work is not necessarily high-profile.