



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Introduction of New Salvation Army Captains Martin and Tory Ross

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2012

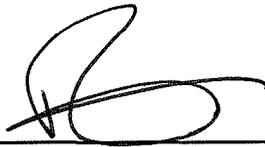
PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None required.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Lodi District Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, Pat Patrick, will introduce Council and the citizens to the new Lodi Salvation Army Captains, Martin and Tory Ross, who will be serving Lodi and the surrounding community.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: None.



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City Clerk

APPROVED: 

Konradt Bartlam, City Manager



Captains Martin & Tow Biographical Statement

Since 2003, both Martin & Tory have been serving as Corps Officers at Salvation Army Corps Community Centers in Compton, (2010) Modesto, (Red Shield), and as of June 2012 Lodi, CA.

They graduated from The Salvation Army, Western Territory School for Officer Training, Crestmont College in 2003 ("Believers" Session). To test the "ministry waters", they both served as Envoys (lay ministers/Ministry Leaders) from 2000-2001 opening a start-up ministry (Outpost) in Scottsdale, Arizona. They will have been married to each other since 1992. They have three girls who are very talented in music/arts, academics, and various activities. Their girl's school ages range is from Elementary, High School and College.

Martin was born in Germany, where his parents were stationed with the United States Air Force, but raised in the Sacramento, California area. He has an identical twin, and an older sister. He is also a very good steel drum player and percussionist. He graduated in 1994 with a B.S. Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. It was also while at Berkeley where he and his wife were introduced to The Salvation Army while looking for a church. Martin has a passion for social justice, multicultural ministry (semi-fluent in Spanish) and the role holistic ministry can play in this. His travels to Africa (South Africa & Zambia), have shaped, and confirmed, his belief that community based outreach is key to transforming lives and neighborhoods. His favorite scripture verse is Proverbs 3:5-6.

Tory was born and partially raised in Danville, Illinois before re-locating with her family to St. Paul, Minnesota. It was in St. Paul, that she eventually gave her life to Christ as a teenager. She eventually ended up re-locating to Northern California in 1990, where she attended and eventually graduated from the University of California at Berkeley. It was at Berkeley as an undergraduate Psychology major, that she gained invaluable skills working with at-risk youth. She continued to develop her skills through graduate work at Sonoma State University. Today she continues to use her skills as a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist to supervise counseling interns, lecture, and minister and counsel with youth, adults and their families as an Officer. Her favorite scripture verse is Philippians 4:13.



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