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**Royal Guest Hotels Named Chamber Business of the Year**

Davis, CA – The Davis Chamber of Commerce announced today that Royal Guest Hotels has been selected as Business of the Year 2017.

Annually the Davis Chamber of Commerce accepts nominations for business members that exemplify creativity, innovation, socially responsible, ethical business practices, excellent customer service and ongoing support of the Davis community.

"Each year we receive many worthy nominations making the selection quite difficult," stated Jennifer Nitzkowski, of Carbahal & Company and selection committee chair. "Royal Guest Hotels stood out because of their ongoing support to the chamber and the wider Davis community."

Royal Guest Hotels owner and CEO Ashok Patel started his career in the hospitality industry at the early age of 14 when his parents purchased the Davis Motel in 1977 (now University Park Inn and Suites). In 1986, Patel added the second property to their inventory by purchasing the land and developing what is now the Aggie Inn Hotel which opened in 1987. Ashok continued to develop new properties, growing his portfolio to include the Palm Court Hotel in downtown Davis, the Inn off Capital Park & Hotel Med Park in Sacramento.

Patel takes great pride in both his business and his staff, and is relentless in making sure both his staff and his guests are happy. His leadership and encouragement has made for an incredible retention rate with several staff members exceeding more than 20 years with the company and an average of more than 10 years for all staff company wide.

The Davis Chamber of Commerce will celebrate Royal Guest Hotels selection as business of the year at the 113<sup>th</sup> Installation Gala on January 20, 2018.

To learn more about Royal Guest Hotel, visit [www.royalguesthotels.com](http://www.royalguesthotels.com)

The Davis Chamber of Commerce is an independent business membership organization that serves to advocate, promote and support the economic vitality of its membership and the quality of life for the community. To learn more about the Davis Chamber of Commerce, visit [www.davischamber.com](http://www.davischamber.com).

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