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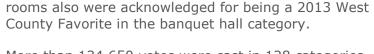
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Ventura Beach Marriott awarded "best hotel" by readers of The Star newspaper

Ventura County Star readers also praise hotel near Santa Barbara for its banquet space

Ventura, CA – The <u>Ventura Beach Marriott</u> is thanking its lucky Star after readers of the local newspaper praised the hotel in the city of Ventura as being the best in West Ventura County.

The Marriott has just been honored as "The 2013 Readers' Choice Winner" in the West County Hotel category of the 18th annual **Ventura County Star** survey. The Ventura Beach hotel's 18 meeting





More than 134,650 votes were cast in 128 categories recognizing some of the best restaurants and businesses in east and west Ventura County. The west includes Camarillo, Somis, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Oak View, Ojai, Santa Paula, Filmore and Piru, while the east consists of Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, Simi Valley and Moorpark. Businesses that garnered the most online votes during a three-week period in January and February were recognized as winners, while the top five establishments receiving the next

highest counts were presented as favorites in the special May 5, 2013, edition of the newspaper and its <u>website</u>.

"One of the highest honors we can receive comes from the locals who help support us year-round," said Pat Seminario, General Manager of the Ventura, CA hotel. "We are pleased that they recognize our efforts to offer top-notch services and amenities along with inviting accommodations in this gorgeous beach community. We will continue to strive to maintain those high standards and remain the best hotel Ventura County West has to offer."

As one of the premier pet-friendly hotels near Santa Barbara, CA, the Marriott is just 200 steps from gorgeous state and city beaches and within walking distance to Ventura's historic pier. Visitors can experience the warmth and beauty of Southern California without ever having to leave the hotel. A tropical outdoor courtyard with a lush sitting area and the Las Brisas courtyard with a fireplace and waterfall offer perfect places for guests to enjoy a cocktail from Pacifico Restaurant & Lounge while watching a beautiful sunrise or sunset.

Guests of the Ventura hotel are always welcomed in one of 270 well-appointed rooms and 15 luxury suites on four floors. Spacious rooms boast one king or two double beds topped with down comforters, custom duvets, cotton-rich linens and plenty of down and feather pillows. Moveable desks with ergonomic chairs, 32" inch flat-screen TVs and Wireless Internet access (for a fee) are amenities that make the Marriott stand apart from other hotels.

The hotel was applauded in the reader survey for its 16,276 square feet of Ventura Beach banquet space. The mezzanine area is an ideal setting for meet-and-greets, registration tables, any number of pre- or post-function activities and even short breaks in between strategic planning sessions. The Costa De Oro Ballroom is the largest meeting room and can seat up to 850 people for a conference, convention, wedding, family reunion or any kind of Ventura events. All meeting rooms offer high-speed Internet access, onsite audio and visual services and a dedicated, professional banquet and catering staffs. Marriott's experienced Event and Culinary team are always available to assist with every detail to make every function, meeting, wedding or party a special and unique event.

About the Ventura Beach Marriott

The Ventura Beach Marriott sits 200 steps from some of Southern California's most spacious and uncrowded beaches. The hotel is an hour north of Los Angeles and only 30 minutes south of Santa Barbara with convenient access to U.S. Route 101. The pet-friendly hotel offers 270 rooms and 15 suites on four floor along with 18 meeting rooms with 16,276 square feet of meeting space , a concierge level, Pacifico restaurant serving California cuisine, state-of-the-art fitness center and outdoor pool and whirlpool. For information, visit www.marriott.com/OXRVB.