



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 21, 2024

FROM: CITY CLERK WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: 2023 CITY SPIRIT AWARD NOMINEE SELECTION

ISSUE:

Select community member that exemplifies community spirit, good citizenship, and dedication to enhancing the quality of life in the city for the 2023 City Spirit Award.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee recommends the City Council select a nominee(s) for consideration of the 2023 City Spirit Award to honor their extraordinary deeds and community spirit, good citizenship, and dedication to enhancing the quality of life in the City.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 7, 2024, the Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee, with Chair Lock Dawson and Members Cervantes, Perry, and Conder present, unanimously forwarded the following nominees to the City Council to select a recipient for the 2023 City Spirit Award:

2023 CITY SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATIONS	
Recommended by:	Nominee
Mayor Lock Dawson	Sophia Mendoza and Tracy Barlogio
Councilmember Cervantes	Juan Navarro Ruben Guitron
Councilmember Conder	Duane and Kelly Roberts
Councilmember Perry and Councilmember Hemenway	Beth Schwandt

BACKGROUND:

The Mayor and City Council have honored a community member with a City Spirit Award every year since its establishment in 1995. Previous award recipients are listed below.

CITY SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENTS					
1995	Dickey DeLoss	2004	Stan Brown	2013	Debbie Guthrie
1996	Rich Biber	2005	Jim Erickson	2014	Gordon Bourns
1997	Michael Goldware	2006	Natividad Fuentes	2015	Anthony Rivera
1998	Rose Mayes	2007	Damon Castillo	2016	Henry Coil, Jr.
1999	Rita Norton	2008	San Huang	2017	Ruben and Diana Ayala
2000	Victor Miceli	2009	Cindy Roth	2018	Brian Jaramillo
2001	Daniel Hantman	2010	Kathy Allavie	2019	Zack Earp
2002	William F. Gavitt	2011	Jane Block	2020	Ofelia Valdez-Yeager
2003	Dell Roberts	2012	Stan Morrison	2021	Lynn Heatley
				2022	Francisca Beltran

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee selection of a community member for consideration by the City Council for the 2023 City Spirit Award contributes to **Strategic Plan Priority #5 – High Performing Government** and **Goal 5.3** - Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.

This item aligns with the 5 Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The selection process for a City Spirit Award recipient is transparent and promotes civic engagement by recognizing community members whose activities and actions serve the public interest, benefit the City’s diverse populations, and result in greater public good.
2. **Equity** – The City Spirit Award promotes equity as it is a citywide honor and nominees may be chosen from any and all Wards. The positive impact of the nominees’ extraordinary deeds and community spirit, good citizenship, and dedication to enhancing the quality of life in the City benefit the entire community.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This item is neutral toward this Cross-Cutting Thread.
4. **Innovation** – The City Spirit Award promotes recognition of community members whose contribution includes building collaborative partnerships and embracing adaptive processes to meet the community changing needs and preparing for the future.
5. **Sustainability and Resiliency** – The City Spirit Award promotes recognition of community members’ contribution to the community’s needs of the present without compromising the

needs of the future and ensuring the City's capacity to persevere, adapt and grow during good and difficult times alike.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Prepared by: Donesia Gause, City Clerk

Concurs with:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Lock Dawson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON, Chair
Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee

Attachment: Biographies of Nominees