



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 7, 2026

FROM: CITY CLERK WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: 2025 CITY SPIRIT AWARD NOMINEE SELECTION

ISSUE:

Select a community member that exemplifies community spirit, good citizenship, and dedication to enhancing the quality of life in the city for the 2025 City Spirit Award.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee recommends that the City Council select a community member for the 2025 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 March 24, 2026, the Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee (MNSC), with Chair Lock Dawson and Members Perry and Conder present (Member Falcone absent), reviewed nominees submitted by the Mayor and all Wards except Wards 1, 2, and 7. The committee unanimously selected Leimamo Taylor and Lorna Jenkins for City Council consideration, recognizing their extraordinary deeds, community spirit, good citizenship, and dedication to enhancing the quality of life in the City.

The MNSC list of nominees were:

2025 CITY SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATIONS	
Recommended by:	Nominee
Mayor Lock Dawson	Justin Pardee
Councilmember Robillard, Ward 3	Leimamo Taylor
Councilmember Conder, Ward 4	Lorna Jenkins
Councilmember Mill, Ward 5	Gerardo "Jerry" Pulido
Councilmember Perry, Ward 6	Elia Camarena

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	2006	Natividad Fuentes	2017	Ruben and Diana Ayala
1996	Rich Biber	2007	Damon Castillo	2018	Brian Jaramillo
1997	Michael Goldware	2008	San Huang	2019	Zack Earp
1998	Rose Mayes	2009	Cindy Roth	2020	Ofelia Valdez-Yeager
1999	Rita Norton	2010	Kathy Allavie	2021	Lynn Heatley
2000	Victor Miceli	2011	Jane Block	2022	Francisca Beltran
2001	Daniel Hantman	2012	Stan Morrison	2023	Beth Schwandt
2002	William F. Gavitt	2013	Debbie Guthrie	2024	Senator Richard Roth (ret)
2003	Dell Roberts	2014	Gordon Bourns	2025	
2004	Stan Brown	2015	Anthony Rivera		
2005	Jim Erickson	2016	Henry Coil, Jr.		

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Concurs with:


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

Attachment: Biographies of Nominees