

City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 8, 2025

FROM: CITY CLERK WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: 2024 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 2024 City Spirit Award.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council select a community member for the 2024 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 11, 2025, the Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee (MNSC), chaired by Lock Dawson and attended by Members Falcone, Perry, and Conder, reviewed nominees from the mayor and all wards except wards 6 and 7. The committee unanimously selected Lorna Jenkins and Senator Richard Roth (ret) for consideration by the City Council, 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:

2024 CITY SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATIONS	
Nominated by:	Nominee
Mayor Lock Dawson	Dr. Paulette Brown-Hinds
Councilmember Falcone, Ward 1	Senator Richard Roth (ret)
Councilmember Cervantes, Ward 2	Carmen Roberts
Councilmember Robillard, Ward 3	Sue Johnson
Councilmember Conder, Ward 4	Lorna Jenkins
Councilmember Mill, Ward 5	Dr. Ronald L. Ellis

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

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee selection of a community member for consideration by the City Council for the 2024 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