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AGENDA
Community Relations Commission
Regular Meeting
Council Chambers, 305 W. Third Street
November 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.

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 - b. Public comments on agenda items will be taken following the announcement of the item. After the item is announced, members of the public shall have three minutes to register or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.
- A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2025.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

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C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At a regular meeting, a person may address the Community Relations Commission only on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The presiding officer shall limit public comments to three minutes. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during public comments not on the agenda. Such items may only be referred to the Commission Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission, persons wishing to speak on items not on the agenda should do so during public comments.

D. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation Honoring Indigenous Peoples Month
RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Relations Commission receive and file the presentation focused on the history and current struggles Indigenous communities face today.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: CRC 2025 Community Recognition Awards Nominee Review and Awardee Selection.
RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC Commissioners review submitted nominations and select five awardees to be recognized for their work supporting the CRC mission.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary shall report on items of interest to the Commission occurring since the last meeting. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any items presented during this report. Such items may only be referred to the Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners may individually report on items of interest or concern outside of Ad Hoc Committee reports. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during these reports. The Commissioner's report shall not exceed three minutes.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioners may request that items be placed on future agendas for extended discussion.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Draft MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
October 20, 2025

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:09 p.m. the regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission convened. Chair Khalilah Durias, Commissioner Tiffany Lopez, Commissioner Helaine Stallion, and Commissioner Meaghan Salas were present. Vice Chair Cynthia Gonzalez joined at 6:15 pm. Staff member present was Martha Guillen, Acting Secretary. Saluted the Flag

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 15, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Tiffany Lopez called a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 15, 2025 and Commissioner Helaine Stallion seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public speakers.

D. REPORT/PRESENTATION

1. SUBJECT: Free Community Resources Provided by Swap Meet Justice.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Relations Commission receive and file the presentation by Swap Meet Justice regarding free community resources at their monthly event.

Adrienne Coulter shared the free community resources that Swap Meet Justice provides to the community and ways that the community can get involved.

E. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Community Recognition Awards Ad-Hoc Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC receive an update from Community Recognition Awards Ad-Hoc Committee on outreach. Sunset date: November 24, 2025. Members: Commissioner Tiffany Lopez, Vice Chair Cynthia Gonzalez, and Commissioner Helaine Stallion.

Discussion: Commissioner Tiffany Lopez asked the Commission Secretary Martha Guillen to provide the Community Relations Commissioners with an update regarding outreach as well as how many submissions had been received. Commission Secretary Guillen shared that the city outreach department had posted the Community Recognition Awards at the following sites: Instagram, Facebook, NextDoor, Weekly Packet and Twitter. Secretary was not 100% sure, but recalled receiving around 7 submissions and asked all CRC Commissioners to help spread the word.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commission Secretary provided information about the upcoming City events: Free South Oxnard Center Block Party, Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 5 pm; Oxnard Halloween Float Tours started Monday, October 20 - 30, 2025 and float tours can be found in the city website; Día De Los Muertos, November 1-3, 2025 at the Carnegie Art Museum; Free Del Norte Drop-Off Day, November 1, 2025, from 8 a.m.- 2p.m; Veterans Day Celebration taking place on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 11 a.m.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Tiffany Lopez shared details about the upcoming sponsored event “Hunt at the Park”, sponsored by the Downtown Oxnard Merchant Association on Saturday, October 25th in Downtown Plaza Park and congratulated Commissioner Helaine Stallion on receiving the Hero Leadership award.

Commissioner Meaghan Salas attended the Tru Act held at the Board of Supervisors and reminded the CRC Commissioners reported that since the Multicultural Festival did not occur, the Commission had discussed an alternative activity.

Vice Chair Cynthia Gonzalez attended the Stakeholders Immigration Meeting at the library and provided a report on the discussion. She also attended the NAACP Awards and congratulated Commissioner Helaine Stallion.

Chair Khalilah Durias attended the NAACP Awards and congratulated Commissioner Helaine Stallion. She also reported she received the Global Diversity Awareness Month Proclamation and also attended the Stakeholders Immigration Meeting and the Inauguration ceremony for John Nunes as the ninth president of California Lutheran University in Camarillo.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 p.m. Commissioner Tiffany Lopez motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Cynthia Gonzalez seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Martha Guillen, Secretary

Khalilah Durias, CRC Chair



TO: Community Relations Commission

FROM: Martha Guillen, Executive Assistant, 805-385-7434, martha.guillen@oxnard.org

DATE: November 17, 2025

SUBJECT: CRC 2025 Community Recognition Awards Nominee Review and Awardee Selection

RECOMMENDATION

That the CRC Commissioners review submitted nominations and select awardees from each category to be recognized for their work supporting the CRC mission.

DISCUSSION

The City Council approved the Community Recognition Awards program in 1989 as a way for the Community Relations Commission (CRC) to recognize deserving individuals and groups that continue to work to support the mission of the CRC in the Oxnard community.

Nominees must demonstrate a strong commitment to discouraging practices involving group prejudices, racial tension, intolerance or differences in treatment or favoritism of persons on a basis other than individual merit. Nominees also must work, live, or provide services in Oxnard.

Community members are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals, businesses or nonprofit organizations who support the criteria outlined above in the following categories:

1. Community Volunteer (Adult)
2. Community Volunteer (Youth)
3. Community Volunteer (Senior)
4. Business
5. Non-Profit Organization (Oxnard-based)

Nominations for the 2025 awards opened on October 3, 2025 and closed on October 31, 2025. There were 18 total applications received across four categories. There were no nominations for the Community Volunteer – Senior category. All applications are included as an attachment to this staff report.

The CRC Commissioners will be reviewing the submitted nominations for each category at their meeting on November 17, 2025 and selecting one awardee in each category. The awardees will be recognized at the CRC meeting on December 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Attachments:

- A. 2025 Community Awards Nominations

Youth Volunteer



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New submission from Community Recognition Awards

1 message

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Fri, Oct 17, 2025 at 1:19 PM

To: martha.guillen@oxnard.org, cecilia.perez@oxnard.org

Nominee's Name

Adriel Miramontes

Please select one of the following categories:

Youth Volunteer: 18 and under

Accomplishments of nominee:

- Valentine's Senior Drive: Organized a Valentine's stuffed animal drive at Glenwood Care Center, delivering gifts and bringing joy to senior citizens on Valentine's Day.
- Community Toy Drive: Co created a massive toy drive at La Colonia in December 2024 to support local families and children during the holiday season, with plans to continue the tradition annually.
- MEChA Leadership: Served as Community Service Chair of Oxnard High School's MEChA, where he successfully led the development and distribution of "Know Your Rights" cards to empower and inform community members.
- Local News Advocate: Founded The Adriel Show, an independent news platform dedicated to covering city affairs and delivering vital information to the community, particularly to vulnerable populations who need access to local news the most.
- Community Care Initiative: Established The Adriel Show Cares, a service oriented initiative focused on uplifting and assisting the most vulnerable members of the community through hands-on projects and outreach.

Supporting Documentation

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- mecha-.pdf
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- valentines-2.jpg
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Nominee's Name

Enoc Gonzalez

Please select one of the following categories:

Youth Volunteer: 18 and under

Accomplishments of nominee:

Enoc has been volunteering with Swap Meet Justice since he was a freshman in high school. He is now a Junior at Oxnard Middle College High School and truly outgrown his shell. He began soft spoken, but is now meeting with community members completing Family Preparedness Plans, giving Know Your Rights presentations, while collaborating with immigration attorneys, accredited representatives, estate planning attorneys, Ventura County Judges, Youth Right to Rise, and 805 Immigrant Coalition. Besides his community outreach, Enoc is also part of the OUHSD Mariachi. He is an inspiring youth in our community and an inspiration to his peers.

Your Name

Michelle Carballo Agustin

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Business



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Nominee's Name

Vallarta Supermarkets

Please select one of the following categories:

Business

Accomplishments of nominee:

Vallarta Supermarkets is a family-owned supermarket chain founded in 1985 when the Gonzalez family opened a small carnicería (meat market) in Van Nuys, California. From those humble beginnings, they grew the business into a full-service grocery chain focused on "bringing home" the flavors, culture, and community of Latin America to their customers.

Vallarta has multiple store locations in Oxnard. One example is: Store #121 – 3443 Saviers Rd, Oxnard, CA, offering full grocery, bakery, ready-made meals, check cashing, and more. In Oxnard, Vallarta is more than a place to shop — it's a neighborhood resource offering culturally relevant foods, supporting traditions, and contributing to the vitality of local commerce. Their presence helps ensure access to fresh and affordable foods in communities where mainstream supermarkets sometimes fall short.

Vallarta Supermarkets has a strong reputation for community engagement: During holidays, they offer traditional foods (e.g., tamales) that connect people to their heritage. They aim to invest in the communities they serve, seeking to open new stores to enhance food access in underserved areas.

Why Vallarta Deserves Recognition

Vallarta Supermarkets stands out as a business that combines commercial success with community purpose. In Oxnard, they not only provide essential goods and services, but also support cultural continuity, local economic activity, and community wellbeing. Their commitment to authenticity, service, and local roots make them an excellent candidate for a community business award.

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Nominee's Name

Arturo Garcia

Please select one of the following categories:

Business

Accomplishments of nominee:

Arturo Garcia is the proud owner of Cabo's Seafood Grill and Cantina in Oxnard, California, where he has been serving the community since 1997. He is a dedicated community leader known for his generosity, support of local youth and charitable causes, and commitment to promoting Mexican culture and inclusion. Arturo has built a loyal team, nurtures his employees, and creates a welcoming environment for people of all backgrounds.

Supporting Documentation

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Mayra Ceja

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Nominee's Name

Arturo and Ivan Valadez

Please select one of the following categories:

Business

Accomplishments of nominee:

Nomination for E & I One Stop Shop

I would like to nominate E & I One Stop Shop, one of the best auto body shops in the area. They've been serving the community since the 1990s and have truly earned recognition for their outstanding work.

E & I specializes in custom paint and restoration, producing stunning results that have even been featured in music videos with major celebrities. Their reputation extends far beyond the local area—customers travel from other states and even from countries like Spain and Japan just to have their vehicles done here.

This shop represents generations of craftsmanship, with Arturo and Ivan now proudly running the business, carrying on the skills and passion they learned from their father. Their dedication, artistry, and family legacy make E & I One Stop Shop a deserving nominee for this recognition.

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Darlene Regalado

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Nominee's Name

Graciela Casillas

Please select one of the following categories:

Business

Accomplishments of nominee:

Ms. Casillas retired with an undefeated record, and has spent the last three decades incorporating her knowledge and experience to formulate a highly effective street defense system. Her devotion to martial arts, coupled with two advanced degrees in Education, and Physical Education, has led Casillas to dedicate herself to the promotion of self-defense as a teacher, student, and accomplished writer and journalist.

Casillas, who retired as a tenured counselor, professor and department chair of counseling continues to advise college students as an adjunct at Oxnard College. As department chair of the physical education department, she developed a variety of courses for the department ensuring that students are able to take jujitsu, escrima, boxing, kickboxing, self-defense, and health courses, which transfer to any Cal State University (CSU) or the University of California (UC) for university credit.

Ms. Casillas celebrated the grand opening of her Martial Arts Center on Oct 30th. Located in Oxnard on the corner of 5th & A St.

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Comm. Volunteer



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Nominee's Name

Alejandra Valencia

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

I nominate Alejandra Valencia for a Community Recognition Award. Alejandra Valencia has provided a voice to those who often get ignored, looked down upon, and are actively discriminated against. She helped create a visibility campaign that uplifts the queer community of color while providing them with resources. The Aqui campaign has brought visibility and awareness to LGBTQ people of color in Oxnard, sharing their struggles with mental health, and really humanizing them. It leads with culture and included people of Mexican, Native American, and Filipino descent.

Their voices, along with a plethora of resources, are being shared throughout Ventura County and is spreading throughout California. This would not be possible without the work that Alejandra is doing. Yes, the Aqui campaign originated through her work with IDEA Engineering and VCBH, but she has gone well above and beyond the parameters of her role. She attends community events such as Ventura Pride and Bridging Familias to expand Agui's reach. I have walked into different coffee shops in the are to see the Aqui zine available, and I know it is Alejandra who made it happen.

We are living in a time where prejudices and intolerances are found around every corner. People are getting othered and seen as less than due to their differences. This can lead to violence against them or even mental or physical harm against ones self. Alejandra works to dismantle this by sharing real people's stories and providing connection, which discourages practices involving group prejudices. She also works to provide support to prevent suicide, assisting with workshops in the county, and helping to create newer updated suicide prevention workshops. As LGBTQ people and especially youth have higher rates of suicide, this further shows the great work that she is doing in our community.

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Rochelle Rodriguez

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Nominee's Name

Mayra Ceja

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Mayra Ceja is a dedicated and community-rooted professional currently serving as the Senior Services Director at the Colonia Senior Center in Oxnard, California. Between 1995 and 1997, she served as President of the Centrito de La Colonia Youth Center, housed in the former Ramona Elementary School. Her involvement in local athletics, including basketball at the Colonia Gym and participation in a swimming club at the Colonia Community Pool from 1994 to 1996, further reflect her deep ties to the community. A proud member of La Banda de Guerra, a Mexican military-style marching band established in 1983 by the Oxnard Chamber of Commerce and the Consulado de Mexico, Mayra participated from 1986 to 2008 under the leadership of her father, Porfirio Ceja.

Over the years, she has served in a variety of roles including Recreation Class Instructor, Recreation Office Receptionist, Oxnard Scholars Coordinator, Camp Serendipity Director, and ultimately Senior Services Director—a position she continues to hold with pride and purpose. Through her work, Mayra Ceja has made a lasting impact—promoting social connection, advocating for vulnerable populations, and creating supportive environments for seniors and families throughout Oxnard. Her unwavering dedication continues to strengthen the heart of the Colonia community.

Mayra can be found proudly representing the Colonia Senior Center on and off duty where she has established a community network which helps support our communities seniors and vulnerbale population.

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Steven Ramirez

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Nominee's Name

Lamont Hayes

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Bishop Lamont is one of Oxnard's most selfless and community-centered leaders. Through New Progressive Christian Baptist Church and the Ventura County Resource Center, which he founded, he works daily to lift residents in need, promote equity, and unite people across neighborhoods, faiths, and abilities.

He is constantly bringing people together—inviting local organizations, leaders, and residents to collaborate on projects that strengthen the entire community. Everything he does is rooted in inclusion and service. He is the opposite of self-focused; Bishop Lamont's goal is never his own success, but the success and well-being of the whole Oxnard community.

In 2025, he volunteered his facilities, equipment, and team to support EDS West Connect's Oxnard screening of the Oscar-contending documentary *Complicated*, ensuring that people with invisible disabilities could participate in a fully accessible event. This meant the world to individuals living with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and similar conditions—attendees arrived with walkers, canes, and wheelchairs and were welcomed with open arms in a space completely prepared for their needs.

He also invited the organization to join his Rock the Block Resource Fair, where hundreds of residents received disability education, health information, and access to local programs. He doesn't wait for the call—he initiates it. Bishop Lamont is constantly reaching out to others, inviting organizations and community members to participate in local activities and ensuring no one is left out of the conversation or the opportunity to serve.

Beyond these efforts, he has been a speaker at the Good Trouble Lives On event at the Ventura County Government Center, honoring John Lewis and promoting justice and civil rights; a regular voice on The Lion's Den Radio Show (99.3 FM at Oxnard College), using media to lift local issues; and the organizer of the annual March Madness Basketball Tournament, uniting Oxnard and Ventura police departments to build trust and community connection.

He continues to give his time and expertise freely, offering his IT team to assist with EDS West Connect's upcoming training symposium at St. John's Regional Hospital, and always saying yes when the community calls.

Bishop Lamont embodies the true mission of the Community Relations Commission—breaking down barriers, fostering unity, and creating a stronger, more compassionate Oxnard for everyone.

Supporting Documentation

- bishop-lamont.pdf

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Dena Lee Piquette-Garcia

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Nominee's Name

Ameer Atrash

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Ameer is in his final semester at The Ventura Colleges of Law and father two. He aspires to specialize in criminal law and immigration law so he can better serve his community. He began volunteering at Swap Meet Justice and later at The Law Office of Vanessa Frank as a legal intern. At Swap Meet Justice he not only brings his legal experience but also his technical experience. We have grown in our technological capacity substantially thanks to Ameer! At the legal office, he volunteers his time drafting asylum briefs and conducts research to support case filings for victims of trafficking, specifically from Ventura County. Ameer always brings his full self to all that he does and it reflects in his work.

Your Name

Michelle Carballo Agustin

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Non-Profit



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Nominee's Name

LULAC Council 3147 Oxnard

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Mission & Focus:

As part of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the council works to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of Hispanic/Latino populations. Locally, the council emphasizes equitable city services, economic justice, and voter outreach & education in Oxnard's Latino community. It positions itself as a "hand-up" for families—advocating for access to local resources, empowering civic participation, and bridging gaps in opportunity.

Impact & Activities:

The council holds events such as "Juguetes Para La Comunidad" (toys/gift drives for the community) as a part of its engagement and service efforts. This event supports hundreds of families in the Oxnard Community providing books, toys, clothing, and holiday meals.

It also champions policy initiatives (for example, it supported Measure E in Oxnard, intended to augment city services) to ensure that city services are equitably distributed. The council engages in local advocacy, coalition building, and educational outreach to amplify Latino voices in city governance.

On October 05, 2025, the Oxnard Council held the 1st Annual "Viva La Mujer" Empowerment Brunch. The event was developed to empower and inspire women within the community.

The Council has also supported several events involving the Colonia Senior Center and has purchased much needed equipment for the Seniors to use.

Supporting Documentation

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Nominee's Name

Heather Hatchman

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Vision Young Leader's Academy empowers young people to become confident, capable leaders. Through mentoring, hands-on learning, and real-world experiences, they help youth develop vision, purpose, and the skills to lead. For many participants, this is life-changing—offering guidance and opportunities they might not otherwise have.

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Nominee's Name

Juan Flores

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Chiques Photography

A man who started from 2017 capturing the lowrider community in the beautiful 805 for years. Never has been awarded nothing has helped sponsor & help with donating to events held by the lowrider community

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Jose Rivera

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Nominee's Name

Pastor Sherry Landor

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Pastor Sherry is the CEO of Genesis Sober Living. She has counseled and led thousands to sobriety in the Greater Oxnard area. Sherry runs this non-profit and has several locations throughout Ventura County. She has a giving spirit and she is committed to helping those in need and those who suffer with addiction.

Supporting Documentation

- certificate-of-ordination.pdf
- lgm-discipleship-certificate.pdf

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Mon, Oct 27, 2025 at 6:32 PM

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Nominee's Name

Vincent Serrano

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Vincent Serrano non profit Outsiders have been giving back to the community for over 15 years. Originally began with 805 Peace Rallies held at Colonia park. Through the years has multiple Givebacks such as Backpack Giveback, Toy Giveaway, Easter baskets and upcoming 13th Annual Turkey Dinner Giveback which provides over 1,000 dinners to families in need. Outsiders go into the low income high volatile communities.

Supporting Documentation

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Nominee's Name

Julie Moreno

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Casa De Vida was founded in 2005 by Jose and Julie Moreno to provide a safe, structured, faith-based home where individuals struggling with addiction could rebuild their lives, strengthen their faith, and restore family relationships. Over the past two decades, Casa De Vida has served hundreds of individuals , helping them achieve lasting recovery, employment, and independence through accountability, life skills, and community support. Casa De Vida under the administration of Ms. Moreno continues to help people reintegrate into society as productive citizens by providing a holistic 6–12 month program that addresses their physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs through services like counseling, support groups, and job skills training.

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Nominee's Name

EDS West Connect N/A

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

EDS West Connect — Accomplishments of Nominee

EDS West Connect is an Oxnard-based 501(c)(3) advancing inclusion for people with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and related disabilities. In 2025, the nonprofit brought global awareness home by representing Oxnard around the Oscar-contending documentary *Complicated*. The organization supported the film from its red-carpet world premiere at the Slamdance Film Festival in Los Angeles, proudly highlighting Oxnard's disability community and ensuring people with invisible illnesses were represented on a national stage.

Following that success, EDS West Connect hosted a community screening of *Complicated* at New Progressive Christian Baptist Church in collaboration with Bishop Lamont H. Williams, and held its two-year anniversary awareness event at BrightSpark Ventura. The team also participated in the Rock the Block Resource Fair, hosted by the Ventura County Resource Center (led by Bishop Lamont) in Oxnard, providing education, visibility, and local resources to residents living with chronic or invisible illnesses.

Throughout the year, EDS West Connect engaged local and state leaders, including Assemblymember Steve Bennett and Senator Monique Limón's Nonprofit Town Hall and Assemblymember Bennett's Ventura County Fire Preparedness Event, where the organization advocated for disability inclusion in emergency planning. The team also attended a Chamber of Commerce community event at Wagon Wheel Brewery in Oxnard, distributing educational flyers and EDS awareness materials to local residents and businesses. They have additionally provided outreach to Oxnard-area doctors' and dentists' offices, delivering literature to increase professional understanding of invisible disabilities.

The organization's educational impact extended online, with social media campaigns reaching tens of thousands across platforms and amplifying Oxnard's leadership in inclusion and rare disease advocacy. Through direct advocacy and outreach, EDS West Connect continues to support patients, caregivers, and medical professionals—bridging the gap between lived experience and clinical understanding.

The nonprofit's leadership also participates in professional development workshops and classes through California Lutheran University's Center for Nonprofit Leadership in Oxnard, ensuring their work aligns with the highest standards of community service and excellence. On December 5, the organization will co-host a medical symposium at St. John's Regional Hospital offering CEUs for nurses and first responders, creating a bridge between patients, professionals, and policymakers.

EDS West Connect's ongoing mission directly discourages prejudice and unequal treatment of people with invisible disabilities, serves Oxnard residents, and builds understanding across schools, healthcare, faith communities, and civic life.

Supporting Documentation

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Nominee's Name

Dexter Nunnery

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

PROJECT50:

In 2020, amidst the tragic killings of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor, Oxnard became a mutual point for action and solidarity. Our founder, Dexter Nunnery, helped to organize a peaceful march in May 2020, starting at the Coffee Bean on Victoria/Wooley, to stand against these injustices as well as platform conversations that included former Oxnard Chief Scott Whitney and Former Oxnard City Manager Alex Nguyen.

By September of 2020, a critical conversation was facilitated on "Black Crime," bringing together diverse voices, including financial advisors, former gang members, and educators, at the Embassy Suites in Oxnard.

These events revealed the need for more than discussions—a dedicated space for the Black community to access daily support and resources. This vision led to the establishment of PROJECT50 in December 2022, right here in Oxnard.

Since its inception, PROJECT50 has provided free services to Oxnard residents, including child support assistance, court appearance support, and advocacy for Black students facing racism in local Oxnard schools. Because of the privacy for our clients, we can't

post who we help individually through our services, but we do an annual Meet-N-Greet at the Courtyard by Marriott (600 Esplanade Dr., Oxnard, CA) where the public gets to hear testimonials from local residents on our assistance.

Our first community resource event was held at Chi Cali Cuts barbershop in Oxnard, featuring representatives from Child Support, Probation, and Goodwill 2nd Chance job services. We've also partnered with the Economic Development Collaborative to host an 8-week

"Get Your Business Online" course for Black entrepreneurs at the Oxnard Library, culminating in a certificate dinner at Cajon Country Cafe, a Black-owned restaurant in Oxnard.

PROJECT50 remains committed to ensuring every member of the Black community in Oxnard has access to the programs, guidance, and support they need to thrive.

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