



AGENDA
Community Relations Commission
Regular Meeting
Council Chambers, 305 W. Third Street
September 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.

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A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of August 19, 2024.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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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: Report from the Police Department on the development of a Drone as a First Responder (DFR) Plan for the City of Oxnard .
RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC receive and file the presentation.
Measure M Presentation Recording Link:
<https://youtu.be/lm0bQCNdP9U>

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

SUBJECT: CRC 2024 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. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Multicultural Festival Ad Hoc Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC receive an update from the Multicultural Festival Ad Hoc Committee regarding next steps for promotion, vendor outreach, and sponsorship. Sunset date: October 14, 2024. Members: H. Stallion, K. Durias, and M. Salas
2. SUBJECT: Community Recognition Awards Ad Hoc Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC receive an update from the Community Recognition Awards Ad Hoc Committee on program details, deadlines, and outreach. Sunset date: October 14, 2024. Members: T. Lopez, M. Salas and C. Gonzalez.
3. SUBJECT: Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC receive an update from the Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee on the annual report to Council scheduled on October 1, 2024. Sunset date: October 14, 2024. Members: H. Stallion and C. Gonzalez.

G. 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.

H. 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.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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

J. ADJOURNMENT



TO: The Community Relations Commission

FROM: Rocky Marquez, Police Commander, rocky.marquez@oxnardpd.org, 805-385-7620

DATE: September 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Drone as a First Responder (DFR)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Relations Commission receives and files a report by the Police Department on the development of a Drone as a First Responder (DFR) Plan for the City of Oxnard.

DISCUSSION

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

Small, remotely operated Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), also commonly referred to as "drones," are an efficient and effective way of providing law enforcement critical information to respond to calls for service and emergency situations or to conduct criminal investigations. Some examples include providing an overhead view of an area or incident for ground personnel, safely clearing the interior of buildings, providing detailed documentation of crime and accident scenes, and searching for lost or missing persons.

In 2018, the Police Department began studying the use of drone technology in its public safety operations. The Police Department explored best practices, policies, and procedures regarding the use of UAS technology in law enforcement. A particular focus of the research was an effort to address and assuage concerns about public trust, civil liberties, and the public's right to privacy during the operation of UAS systems.

Before implementing its UAS Program, the Police Department presented its plan to a variety of groups in 2018 and 2019, including the Police Chiefs Advisory Board, Inter Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO), the Community Relations Commission, the City Council's Public Safety Committee, and eventually the City Council in October of 2019. The Police Department's efforts were well-supported.

On November 13, 2019, the Police Department conducted its first UAS flight. The Police Department's UAS program is currently based on a "response model." Under this model, qualified drone pilot officers respond when called upon from other assignments with drones. The Police Department currently has ten (10) sworn officers who comprise the UAS Unit. Their commitment to the UAS program is that of a collateral assignment, meaning that this is a responsibility in addition to their principal duties. All members of the UAS Unit have qualifications that exceed basic requirements; all hold Federal Aviation Administration "Part 107" certificates.



At the time of this report's drafting, the Police Department has conducted 535 UAS flights since the program's first flight in November 2019. The pace at which the Police Department uses UAS is accelerating, with 108 flights in 2024 (May 29). A look at the Police Department's UAS usage in 2023 shows that its 115 drone deployments that year are broken down into the following flight types:

- 25 for field operations support (area searches)
- 42 for tactical assists (SWAT operations)
- 20 for crime scene documentation
- 12 for special events support
- 9 for area mapping
- 7 for training

The UAS program has proven valuable by increasing community and officer safety, improving crime scene documentation, and increasing efficiency.

Since its first flight in 2019, the Police Department has not received a single complaint about their use, and no violations of policy have occurred. The policy, found in the Oxnard Police Department Policy Manual, can be found on the Police Department's website, on its own webpage: <https://sites.google.com/oxnardpd.org/drones/unmanned-aerial-systems>.

Looking to the future, the Police Department recognizes the continued integration of UAS in public safety roles. This vision is supported by success stories in cities such as Chula Vista, California, which has been a pioneer in incorporating UAS into its police department's operations. Given their value, growing utility, and our continued successes, the Oxnard Police Department is seeking to explore the development of its own Drone as a First Responder (DFR) program. If this can be established, Oxnard would be the first DFR agency in the Tri-Counties Region and will strive to serve as a model agency in this field.

Drone as a First Responder

DFR is a network of drones that are pre-positioned across the City in fully automated launch sites known as "nests" and are ready to respond to calls for service. Nests are essentially automated protective boxes in which the drones are stationed and charged. The nest opens up when deployed, and the drone flies from it. When it has completed its response, the drone returns to it, lands on its charging pad, and the nest then closes its protective doors. Nests are placed at various locations across the City, with the intent to provide as much area coverage as possible.

The aircraft are remotely operated by an FAA-licensed sworn officer pilot, situated in a command center in the police headquarters building. The DFR drone has an onboard camera that streams high-definition video to the Police Department's real-time operations center. The drone pilot, a police officer trained in critical incident management, controls the drone remotely and communicates with the responding units on the ground. This gives them information about the call they are responding to, such as the location of the disturbing persons, descriptions, and



direction of travel. DFR drones are also very useful in confirming or ruling out the presence of weapons or other safety concerns- this can be a valuable de-escalation tool. The DFR system can also stream video feed to the cell phones and media devices of the first responders, supervisors, and command staff. This greatly enhances situational awareness, as they can see exactly what the drone sees in real time.

DFR has demonstrated the ability to increase officer and community safety and efficient deployment of officers. For example, being the first in the nation, the City of Chula Vista is a pioneer agency for DFR. Between 2018 and 2024, Chula Vista used DFR drones 18,225 times for calls for service. With DFR, Chula Vista was able to respond to calls without the use of a patrol unit in 4,156 of those calls, or 22.8% of the time. This means that patrol officers remained available to engage in other activities, such as community policing and neighborhood problem-solving efforts.

Very importantly, DFR has shown great success in reducing overall police response times. In Chula Vista, during these six years, DFR drones had an average response time of ninety-two seconds to calls in which they were first on scene and one hundred and ten seconds as an overall response time. DFR drones recorded 41% faster response times to “priority one” (high priority) calls and 47% faster responses to priority two calls. When deployed, they were the first police resource that arrived on scene nearly half the time, immediately providing overwatch and information to responding officers on the ground. The effectiveness of DFR in reducing response times directly supports the Oxnard City Council’s stated priority of “maintaining and reducing 9-1-1 response times.”

Oxnard and DFR

The Police Department intends to explore the feasibility of starting its own DFR program, with an intended start date in early 2025. The intent is to determine a suitable number of DFR nest sites, a suitable UAS platform, and hours of operation. It is likely that a startup DFR program would set an initial goal of approximately ten (10) hours of UAS integration with Patrol Division responses, spanning seven (7) days per week. The first phase of the DFR program would seek to cover approximately seventy percent (70%) of the City’s land surface area. Using historical and trending call-for-service data, the DFR aims to cover areas in the City where approximately eighty percent (80%) of police service calls are generated. Later phases would potentially expand the coverage area, as well as the days and times of operations. In addition to responding to police calls for service, DFR would also serve as a potential asset to the Fire Department, such as in the case of structure fires and hazardous material responses.

The Police Department’s effort to establish a DFR program will involve community outreach, such as public meetings. Topics would include, but not be limited to:

- Overview of the Police Department’s UAS program, highlighting success stories involving their use
- Efforts to communicate the Police Department’s existing policies on the use of UAS



- Remote pilot qualifications and standards
- Matters related to transparency, accountability, and honoring privacy rights

The Police Department plans to report to the City Council in the late fall of this year and seek final approval.

Attachments:

- A. Slide Presentation



TO: Community Relations Commission

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

DATE: September 16, 2024

SUBJECT: CRC 2024 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 2024 awards opened on August 14, 2024 and closed on September 5, 2024. There were 27 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 September 16, 2024 and selecting one awardee in each category. The awardees will be recognized during the opening ceremonies of the Multicultural Festival scheduled for October 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Plaza Park. The awardees will also be recognized at the CRC meeting on November 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Attachments:

- A. 2024 Community Awards Nominations

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2714

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne Washington

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Dear Members of the Awards Committee,

I am writing to enthusiastically nominate Ms. Sade Champagne Washington for the Oxnard Community Recognition Award. I have had the privilege of knowing Ms. Washington for a few years, and in that time, I have been consistently impressed by her unwavering commitment to community service, which extends well beyond the borders of the city of Oxnard.

Ms. Washington's dedication to fostering unity and celebrating cultural diversity is truly remarkable. I reside in Thousand Oaks, CA, a city where diversity is often underrepresented, and cultural events that are vital to the community, such as Juneteenth, have been overlooked. In 2021 and 2022, Juneteenth was celebrated, but unfortunately, the event was canceled in 2023 for reasons unknown.

However, due to Ms. Washington's relentless efforts and passion for inclusivity, this year's Juneteenth celebration was revived. Ms. Washington took it upon herself to collaborate with my son, Chaise, and me, along with other community members, to ensure that this important cultural event could be brought back to Thousand Oaks. Her leadership, vision, and dedication to the community played an instrumental role in making this celebration happen, demonstrating her commitment to honoring the cultural heritage that means so much to families like mine.

Ms. Washington's impact is not confined to any single city; her influence and dedication resonate across communities. She works tirelessly to create spaces where people from all backgrounds can come together to celebrate, learn, and grow. Her efforts are not only valuable but also vital in fostering a sense of belonging and unity in our increasingly diverse society.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Ms. Sade Champagne Washington for the Oxnard Community Recognition Award. Her contributions to our communities are immense, and I believe she embodies the spirit of this award.

Thank you for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,
Patrissha Booker
Thousand Oaks, CA

Your Name

Patrissha Booker

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2710

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

1. Committee member for Juneteenth
2. Oxnard nonprofit organization
3. Spokesperson for American Foundation
4. Suicide prevention spokesperson for National Alliance on Mental Illness
5. Spokesperson for American cancer Society's Relay For Life

Your Name

Lydia Heredia

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community Volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2503

Nominee's Name

Marvin Boos

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Various neighborhood cleanups, post regulary on facebook page Citizens for a better Oxnard.

Your Name

Robert Lucio

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community Volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2708

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

She is a phenomenal motivational speaker who has regular speaking engagements at high schools, churches, community events, youth summer camps, county fairs. she's spoken about suicide prevention, drug abuse, and bullying awareness.

She is a talented artist, songwriter, and choreographer who loves to perform.

She is a published author of her "Grace Made, My journey to Love, Joy and Healing" book.

She is a show host for the "Laugh about it with Sade Champagne" radio show on 99.3 FM KJBU in Oxnard.

She is a director, producer of a short film "More to the story, resurrecting me"

The list goes on & on...

Your Name

Patty Barron

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2706

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

She does amazing things for her community and all the people around her

Your Name

Austin Waterman

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2705

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

She has organized hosted and performed at many community events, sometimes **all in the same** event. She not only showcases her talents but also uplifts other people's talents with joy.

Your Name

Tayllor Johnson

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2704

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Sade has countlessly helped with many charity organizations and has remained visible in her actions in our community for many years!! Hope to see her awarded for all of her hard work and her talents singing and broadcasting!!

Your Name

Derek Duncan

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community Volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2701

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Youth Volunteer: 18 and under

Accomplishments of nominee:

N/a

Your Name

Morrow Keller

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community Volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2700

Nominee's Name

Sade Chsmpagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Committee member for Juneteenth

Spokesperson for American foundation

Suicide prevention spokesperson for national alliance of mental illness

Your Name

Patricia Castillo Portillo

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community Volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2699

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Sade has been a big asset to the community. She is always working hard to help the community in every way. She's been invited to be a guest speaker in my schools, community events. She's volunteered in many of her local churches. She's an amazing Radio personality for many years, whom helped in promoting new artist on her radio station. 99.3 FM. Sade deserves to be recognized as an amazing community volunteer for her honest work in the community of Oxnard.

Your Name

Karen Lopez

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community Volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2698

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Sade is an active artist in the community. She is a caring soul who works to make the world better.

Your Name

Arnett Smithson

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2697

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Sade has been advocating and putting on events for the community like Juneteenth, Fathers Day and many other special occasions that recognize the people we have in our cities. Her reach ranges from Santa Barbara, Ventura, Oxnard, all the way out to LA making her the perfect candidate.

Your Name

Elijah Henningham

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2509

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Blessings to all, Sade Champagne is an African-American woman "POC" leader, motivator, friend, lover of and spiritual guide in our world of diversity. She is a true peoples champion -while being so humble she will consistently profess, "I am no different than anyone else...everyone has this in them now...".

Her accomplishments listed here are by no means the only thing nor are they the biggest and brightest of her miraculous works in life; however in this space they deserve recognition:

#1 Committee member for Juneteenth

#2 Oxnard nonprofit organization

#3 Spokesperson for American Foundation

#4 Suicide prevention spokesperson for National Alliance on Mental Illness

#5 Spokesperson for American cancer Society's Relay For Life

Lastly I am a parent of six glorious beings on this planet all of whom have been students in Ventura County Unified School District. My family and household would be seen as full and healthy; however in this lifetime it could have also been seen as a home filled with "at risk" parents and children. During a trying point in my life (as I was a single parent household) home to 4-6 children at any given time, Sade Champagne was instrumental in helping my children (unbeknownst how much to me) to hang in there, to truly know they were going to make it in this life, not just surviving, but thriving. I personally do not know all the technical language behind her teaching nor do I know her educational background, but in layman's terms, this is what I saw: My children received encouraging empowering practices, such as them to hang in there while applying and teaching practical coping skills, encouraging them to speak up, share their feelings, create healthier boundaries, create safe spaces with friends, teachers, and family members while at the same time seeing themselves as children that are deserving to just "be"-exhale. I still remember the day my children came home and said, "...There's this spectacular group that we're a part of and it's lead by this lady who has the same name as our cousin... Sade!!! She's a singer and a dancer, too...we get to have time with her at school and she teaches us about...", well you know the rest.

I vote for her to be recognized by Ventura County, as an exemplary "community volunteer"! I pray that what she has gave to this community continuously over decades will be written in our counties history, so as Ventura will be seen as the trailblazing Ventura, I know it can be, " Giving her her flowers, while she can smell them". I am personally a better person for knowing and following her example driven walk.

Thank you for your time.

-CM

Your Name

Chui Darcus

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2982

Nominee's Name

Arnaldo (Young Quicks) Torres

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Arnaldo is a lifetime resident of Oxnard. He is an Alumni of Hueneme High school. He has demonstrated a strong sense of commitment to discourage differences in treatment of marginalized communities. For 10 years he has organized an Annual toy drive, volunteering his time and seeking resources from community partners to benefit the most vulnerable Oxnard communities (i.e homeless, disabled, poverty, immigrants). Over the years thousands of Oxnard families and children have benefited from these Toy drives.

In the Oxnard community he promotes Arts and Cultural organizing. He also is an accomplished bilingual recording Artist. His most recent hit song is titled "Oxnard." This song discourages racial tension, group prejudices and racial tension. By signifying a universal appreciation for the city of Oxnard. His music has been played on every hip-hop radio station in his hometown & all across the world independently. He released "Young, Fly & Latino" which resulted in landing a song/music video titled "Robert Garcia" (Oxnard) right after. The Music Video ended up on WorldStarHipHop during the Maidana & Mayweather fight getting 100,000 views. Shortly after, Quicks bonded with Oxnard boxing champ Brandon Rios. Leading him to eventually make a record titled "Against All Odds" that after hearing the song, Rios fell in love with it & personally asked Quicks to walk him out performing it at his fight in Colorado vs Mike Alvarado (broadcasted on HBO reaching 1.3 million households)

Your Name

Velia Soto

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2966

Nominee's Name

Jazmine Duran

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Jazmine was born and raised in Oxnard. She is an Alumni of Pacifica high school. She resides in Oxnard with her two school age children and husband.

Jazmine demonstrates a passionate commitment to discouraging group prejudices, intolerance and differences in treatment of peoples with ALL disabilities(ie.Autism, physical, mental) by advocating for inclusivity. She has dedicated her time volunteering advocating for peoples with disabilities on various Oxnard committees and representing the citizens of Oxnard on Ventura County committees.

Committees include:

Fremont PTA president

McAuliffe PTA Historian

Fremont School Site Council, President

McAuliffe School Site Council, President

Oxnard School District Family and Engagement committee

Oxnard School District Parent Advisory Committee

Oxnard School District Special Education Community Council

Ventura County (SELPA Special education local Plan Area) Community Advisory Committee, Membership Secretary

Ventura County Parents Voices

Ventura County Wellness System Communication Workgroup

UC Davis Parent Partner Advisory Committee

Your Name

Velia Soto

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community Volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2881

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

Sade Champagen is the most positive person I have ever been around, always uplifting others and promoting their good qualities to the point that it seems almost imposible to not feel happy and worthy when around her.

These are some of her accomplishments and I feel that Sade Champagne would be a most excellent choice:

#1 Committee member for Juneteenth

#2 Oxnard nonprofit organization

#3 Spokesperson for American Foundation

#4 Suicide prevention spokesperson for National Alliance on Mental Illness

#5 Spokesperson for American cancer Society's Relay For Life

Your Name

Ted Darcus

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Community volunteer (Adult)

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2770

Nominee's Name

Sade Champagne

Please select one of the following categories:

Community Volunteer

Accomplishments of nominee:

#1 Committee member for Juneteenth

#2 Oxnard nonprofit organization

#3 Spokesperson for American Foundation

#4 Suicide prevention spokesperson for National Alliance on Mental Illness

#5 Spokesperson for American cancer Society's Relay For Life

Your Name

Victor Lira

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2876

Nominee's Name

Joseph Guerra

Please select one of the following categories:

Youth Volunteer: 18 and under

Accomplishments of nominee:

Joe started at Mermaid Softball League in 1998 as a volunteer, coaching his daughter in the mini division and never left! He has been on the Board for 24 years. He has served as President for the last 17. In that time Joe has built amazing relationships with the City, School District and the Community to keep the league active and thriving. Joe is not just the President, he lives and breaths Mermaid Softball. He's been an unstoppable champion for the league, the park we play in and most importantly, for the young ladies who see Mermaids softball as 'family'. Each year, from January to June, you could find Joe at the park from dawn to dusk. He has presided over every detail from securing permits to serving nachos. If you've ever heard Joe give a speech at opening ceremonies you will know his tag line is "just go out there and have fun!". At the end of the season he hands out sportsmanship awards to outstanding players and volunteers. This is his favorite part of the whole season because it is there that he is reminded why he has worked so hard: to provide a much needed fun and accessible recreational opportunity for the young ladies of our community. There are thousands of players & alumni who have benefited from Joe's dedication to the mission of Mermaid Softball. Everywhere he goes people recognize him and share stories of their time at Mermaids. We could never truly appreciate the impact he has had on families in our community.

As all things have their season, Joe has decided that 2024 was his last season as President. It's time to hand over the reins to a new set of volunteers. In honor of 26 years in service to our youth, I respectfully nominate Joe Guerra for a Community Recognition Award.

Your Name

Lilly Guerra

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2771

Nominee's Name

Soroptimist Channel Islands

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

I am submitting a recognition for Soroptimist International Channel Islands. We are a non profit International organization whose goals are to improve the lives of girls and woman through education. Over the past year, our club has made a difference in 175 lives. We have provided 35 Thanksgiving baskets to woman in shelters who otherwise would not be able to have a holiday dinner. Our club has an on going project giving "Bold and Worthy" bags to woman entering shelters due to domestic violence. These bags contain items from fuzzy socks and pillow cases to candles and journals. These woman enter shelters with nothing. We have provided 60 bags. In October we have a planned fundraiser, Barbie, Bingo and Brunch. (Flyer attached) The proceeds of this event will go to scholarship money to women who have returned to school and are head of household. In addition to the above, SICI also is committed to improving our community by beach clean up, food pantry collection and delivering flower bouquets to seniors. This is only a sample of some of the activities our club has done over the past year. Our club tax ID is 93-3067000. Thank you for considering our club to be recognized.

Supporting Documentation

- [SICI-Affiliate-Packet.pdf](#)
- [Think-Pink-Barbie-Bingo-flyer-7.23.pdf](#)

Your Name

Juliann Laufer

Your Phone

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Your Email

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Category: Non-Profit Organization

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2721

Nominee's Name

Heather Hatchman

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

VISION is a nonprofit organization that help children in the community become better role models and citizens. This will help our city be better for the future.

Your Name

Javan Salinas

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Non-Profit Organization

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2720

Nominee's Name

Heather Hatchman

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

VISION is a nonprofit organization that help our children in the community be great leaders and role models for future children.

Your Name

Angelina Lara

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Non-Profit Organization

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2719

Nominee's Name

Vision Young Leaders Academy (Heather Hatchman)

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Vision Young Leaders Academy (<https://visionyoungleadersacademy.org/>) has a significant impact on the community by mentoring youth, providing opportunities for community service, athletics, academic support, field trips, summer reading challenges, and guest speakers. Attached is their impact report for 2023-2024.

Supporting Documentation

- [Impact-Report-2023-2024.pdf](#)

Your Name

Stephanie Hatchman

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Non-Profit Organization

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2718

Nominee's Name

Vision Young Leaders' Academy Heather Hatchman

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Vision Young Leaders' Academy mentors youth in the city of Oxnard. The members are given experiences (camping, college visits and other field trips), participate in community service activities and are given opportunities for help academically. Vision also has sports teams where members learn team work and leadership skills. Vision is changing the lives of children in Oxnard.

Your Name

Laurie Seiler

Your Phone

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Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Non-Profit Organization

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2717

Nominee's Name

Vision Young leaders Academy Heather

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Vision Academy is such a great encouragement, they teach leadership , teamwork and opening to seek new opportunities .I personally have my son in this academy. Mrs. Hatchman and Ms.Sieler have been great . He experienced many field trips to colleges campuses, camping and many other fun things.

They have accomplished to have our community kids to stay out of the streets and focus on their education . Our kids love to be part of Vision . They deserve to be recognized for everything they do .

Your Name

Monica Ayala

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Non-Profit Organization

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2504

Nominee's Name

Patty Lau-Cho

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Various community activities during the week, evenings, and weekends. Has helped steer youth in a positive direction.

Your Name

Robert Lucio

Your Phone

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Your Email

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Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2456

Nominee's Name

Mike Barber - Santa to The Sea

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

Santa to the Sea is a nonprofit event born out of a desire to give back to the community. It started in 2003 as a toy drive to celebrate the relocation of the world's largest Santa Claus from Carpinteria to Oxnard. Since then it's grown into a robust running event, toy drive, and community fundraiser. Every year Santa to the Sea Half-Marathon brings joy to the children of Nyeland Acres. When you attend a race, every dollar that you pay goes towards the community all year long, as we serve over 3,000 low-income children every year, giving out toys to those in need for Christmas, as well as awarding scholarships to students at Oxnard College. This yearly event brings together a diverse audience from our County and even people from other areas.

Nyeland Acres is a community filled with hard working people that lack many essential resources. Families have to prioritize putting food on the table and not purchasing toys for their children. For some children in Nyeland Acres, this is the only Christmas gift they receive. Children line up very early in the morning in order to get their toy. There is nothing better than seeing the joy on their faces when they receive a new toy! There have been children that received a toy when they were little and now as young adults have received a scholarship from Santa to the Sea to pursue their career. The positive impact that Santa to the Sea has made in Oxnard and the entire Ventura County is incredible.

Your Name

Brenda Heredia

Your Phone

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Your Email

[REDACTED]

Category: Business

Community Recognition Awards : Entry # 2507

Nominee's Name

Miguel Vargas

Please select one of the following categories:

Business

Accomplishments of nominee:

He is the owner of Liz party rental they always have everything clean and in time one of the best rental businesses out here in Oxnard.

Your Name

Guadalupe Muñoz

Your Phone

[REDACTED]

Your Email

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Guillen, Martha <martha.guillen@oxnard.org>

New submission from Community Recognition Awards

1 message

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Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 4:59 PM

To: martha.guillen@oxnard.org, kenneth.newville@oxnard.org, samantha.shapiro@oxnard.org, cecilia.perez@oxnard.org

Nominee's Name

Dominick's Italian Restaurant

Please select one of the following categories:

Business

Accomplishments of nominee:

Dominick's has been a family owned and operated small business in the heart of oxnard for over fifty years. They are a local favorite. The Henggeler brothers have donated to many local charities for many years including; tip a cop fundraiser for special Olympics, American cancer society, boys and girls club, the rebozo festival and the oxnard police K9 foundation to name a few. They have also donated food to local charity festivals such as the oxnard rotary and Kiwanis. They also believe in giving back to local schools.

Your Name

Irma Lopez

Your Phone

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Your Email

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Guillen, Martha <martha.guillen@oxnard.org>

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1 message

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Nominee's Name

Rebozo Festival

Please select one of the following categories:

Non-Profit Organization

Accomplishments of nominee:

The rebozo festival, INC just celebrated their 20th anniversary in Ventura county. Their headquarters are in downtown oxnard and the organization was founded by Irma Lopez, of oxnard with the festival fundraiser being held in her home for the first few years. Over the course of its lifetime, it had raiser over \$500,000 for local Latino based non profits. The event is coordinated and led by The "madrinas" whom are all volunteers. They have raised money for local charities including; boys and girls club, parents of murdered children, inlaketch, cause, micop and countless others. The event is widely loved, cherished and celebrated.

Your Name

Clarice Couey

Your Phone**Your Email**