



City of Culver City

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Staff Report

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DAC - (1) Consideration of Nominations for an Individual and/or Organization for an “*Outstanding Service to Persons with Disabilities*” Commendation; and (2) Selection of the Individual and/or Organization to Receive the Commendation from the City Council.

Meeting Date: September 22, 2021

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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒

General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐

Public Hearing: ☐

Action Item: ☒

Attachments: ☐

Public Notification: (Email) Meetings and Agendas - Disability Advisory Committee (09/20/2021); (Email) Parks, Recreation & Community Service Department Updates; (Email) Disability Advisory Committee Updates (9/20/2021)

Department Approval: Jill Thomsen, RCS Supervisor (09/20/2021)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Disability Advisory Committee (1) consider the nominations for an individual and/or organization for an “*Outstanding Service to Persons with Disabilities*” Commendation; and (2) select an individual and/or an organization to receive the Commendation from the City Council.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the City of Culver City proclaims October as Disability Awareness Month. The City Council and the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) honor one outstanding individual and/or one organization as part of the Disability Awareness Month celebration. After open nominations, the DAC selects the honorees and the City Council issues formal Commendations at a public meeting.

Submissions for this year’s Commendations opened on August 24, 2021. Nominations were made through the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department’s online form, by email or by mail. Community organizations who previously received Commendations include *Theater for the Blind* and *The Exceptional Children’s Foundation*.

DISCUSSION

“Outstanding Service to Persons with Disabilities” Commendation Nomination Criteria

- Individual nominees of any age must be a resident of or work/volunteer in service of residents of Culver City
- Nominated Businesses or Organizations must be located in or serve residents of Culver City
- Written description of what the nominee is doing or has done to benefit individuals with disabilities in the past year(s)
- Statement of why the nominee should receive the recognition
- Nominee’s name, address and telephone number
- Nominator’s name, address and telephone number

Staff recommends that the DAC consider the nominations listed below and select by majority vote an individual and/or organization to receive a Commendation(s) during the Recognition portion of the October 11, 2021, City Council meeting.

List of the Nominees

Individuals:

- CHERNOTSKY, Lee; Founder and CEO of Rosies Foundation; nominated by George Montgomery
- CRAIN, Lindsay; Disability Rights Advocate, Member of Undivided and Special; nominated by Megan Oddsen Goodwin
- TENENSAP, Robyn; Chair of Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) and Member of Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee; nominated by Michelle Weiner

Organizations:

- L.A. Goal; nominated by Michael Monagan
- Leaps n Boundz Inc.; nominated by Joclynn Benjamin
- Park Century School (Culver City); nominated by Kelly and Mitch Cohen
- Undivided.io; nominated by Kelly Hatfield

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this discussion.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

MOTION

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2. Select an individual and/or an organization to receive a Commendation from the City Council.