



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 14, 2022

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Fiscal Impact: Yes No

General Fund: Yes No

Public Hearing:

Action Item:

Attachments:

Public Notification: (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas - Disability Advisory Committee (09/12/2022); (E-Mail) Parks, Recreation & Community Service Department Updates (09/12/2022)

Department Approval: Patricia Mooney, PRCS Sr. Management Analyst (09/12/2022)

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 18, 2022. Public notification of the “Outstanding Service to Persons with Disabilities” Commendation nomination period was done by press release, social media posts on Instagram and Facebook and Culver City notification emails to various subscription groups, including Meetings and Agendas - Disability Advisory Committee, Parks, Recreation & Community Service Department Updates, Culver City News and Events, and Culver

City Senior Center. Staff also requested that DAC members reach out to their contacts in the community to encourage nominations. Nominations were made through the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's online form, by email or by mail. Individuals who previously received an "Outstanding Service to Persons with Disabilities" Commendation include Marcy Sookne and Lindsay Crain; Community organizations who previously received Commendations include *Leaps and Boundz* and *Mychal's Learning Place* (Attachment 1).

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
- Individual nominees can be a person with a disability who has excelled in advocating for and serving as a role model to inspire others within the disabled community the past year
- 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 in Attachment 2 and select by majority vote an individual and/or organization to receive a commendation(s) during the Recognition portion of the October 10, 2022, City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this discussion.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2022-09-14 - ATT 1 List of Past "Outstanding Service to Persons with Disabilities" Commendation Recipients
2. 2022-09-14 - ATT 2 List of Nominations for 2022 "Outstanding Service to Persons with Disabilities" Commendations

MOTIONS

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 a Commendation from the City Council.