



AGENDA REPORT

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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San Clemente, California
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Meeting Date: March 19, 2024

Agenda Item: 1(A)

Submitted By: Beaches, Parks and Recreation

Prepared By: Samantha Wylie, Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director

Subject:

2023 WALL OF RECOGNITION HONOREE

Fiscal Impact: None

Summary:

The “Wall of Recognition” is dedicated to those individuals who, through their contributions and selfless efforts, have made the City of San Clemente a better place to live, work, and play. The recipients are nominated by citizens as individuals who have gone the extra mile for San Clemente and selected by prior honorees. The Wall of Recognition Committee recommends that City Council approve and honor the selection of Beth Apodaca for 2023 Wall of Recognition honoree (Attachment 2).

Background:

In 1994, City Council approved the creation of the Wall of Recognition designed to honor individuals who have dedicated their time to improving the quality of life for the residents and visitors of the City of San Clemente (Attachment 3). The “Wall of Recognition” is located in the lobby at the Community Center and includes a plaque recognizing each recipient.

Annually, residents and community-based service organizations submit nominations for the Wall of Recognition selection process.

The Wall of Recognition Committee is composed of a representative from the City Council, Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission, Human Affairs Committee, and past recipients of this prestigious award (Attachment 4).

Council Options:

- Adopt Resolution 24-36, which will approve the selection for the 2023 Wall of Recognition recipient, Beth Apodaca; and authorize the Mayor to present the honoree with a certificate of recognition.
- Modify and adopt Resolution 24-36.
- Continue the item with direction to staff for additional information.

Environmental Review/Analysis

This activity is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2), an activity is not subject to CEQA if the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (14 CCR § 15060).

Recommended Actions:

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-36 which will:

1. Approve the selection for the 2023 Wall of Recognition recipient, Beth Apodaca; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to present the honoree with a certificate of recognition.

Attachment:

1. Resolution No. 24-36
2. Background information on 2023 Recipient
3. Wall of Recognition Summary Policy
4. Wall of Recognition Honor Roll

Notification:

Interested Parties

Wall of Recognition Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 24-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND
HONORING THE 2023 WALL OF RECOGNITION NOMINEE

WHEREAS, in 1994, the City Council approved the establishment of the “Wall of Recognition” (“WOR”) designed to honor individuals who have dedicated their time to improving the quality of life for the residents and visitors of San Clemente; and

WHEREAS, the program is guided by Policy No. 103-2-1; and

WHEREAS, per policy, nominations are open annually for a pre-determined period, allowing for local service organizations and groups of community members, alike, to submit citizen nominations; and

WHEREAS, the WOR Committee, comprised of a representative from the City Council, Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission, Human Affairs Committee, and past recipients of this prestigious award met on December 15, 2023 to review the nominations and provide a recommendation for a new recipient; and

WHEREAS, at its selection meeting, the WOR Committee unanimously agreed to recommend Beth Apodaca as the 2023 Wall of Recognition honoree based on her commitment to several service organizations in the community, acting in many capacities both as a volunteer and a board member in many cases. Beth Apodaca has organized, volunteered, and assisted with major fundraising activities directly benefitting our youth, seniors, and families through the organizations she has been affiliated with in San Clemente throughout the years.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Clemente does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby fully incorporated into this Section 1 as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2. That Beth Apodaca is hereby approved as the 2023 Wall of Recognition honoree.

Section 3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to present Beth Apodaca with a certificate of recognition as the 2023 Wall of Recognition honoree.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, _____.

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of
San Clemente, California

Mayor of the City of San
Clemente, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) §
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE)

I, LAURA CAMPAGNOLO, City Clerk of the City of San Clemente, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 24-36 was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente held on the _____ day of _____, _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Clemente, California, this _____ day of _____, _____.

CITY CLERK of the City of
San Clemente, California

Approved as to form:

Elizabeth A. Mitchell, City Attorney



February 24, 2023

To: City of San Clemente Wall of Recognition Committee:

On behalf of the **San Clemente Ocean Festival**, please accept this nomination for **Beth Apodaca** to be recognized on the 2023 Wall of Recognition.

Beth has lived here over 20 years and currently lives at

She has served as a committee member and volunteer for Heart Chase, Cabrillo Playhouse, assisted both Rotary Clubs and Kiwanis Club with fundraising activities/events, assisted with 5th Marine events (through Chamber), served on SCHS Grad Nite committee, served as officer and President of Our Savior Lutheran Church PTA. She is a member of Elks Club, San Clemente Dons, Beta Sigma Phi (for fundraising purposes), Sand Dollars (fundraising arm for Ocean Institute). She was the first woman to serve on the Exchange Club board and soon to be the first woman President in 2023. She has received the Chamber's 2011 Volunteer of the Year award, has served on the Ambassador Council, and served as Master of Ceremonies at events such as Sunset Networking Mixers in addition to volunteering time at Chamber membership drives and special events. Beth has worked as an Associate, Director and volunteer selling Pancake Tickets, t-shirts and assisting where needed from the early 90's. She volunteered with the Sand Sculpting team and is now Sand Sculpting Contest Coordinator.

She has organized, volunteered, and assisted with major fundraising activities directly benefitting our youth, seniors and families through the many organizations she has been affiliated with in San Clemente throughout the years.

Beth has also raised the bar as the Director for the Dorothy Visser Senior Center by providing a safe, fun and welcoming atmosphere filled with services, educational programs, entertainment and activities for our seniors to enjoy. She makes a point to celebrate and recognize individuals celebrating special moments in their lives ie: 100th birthdays!

We hope you consider this recommendation for Beth Apodaca to be considered for the Wall of Recognition.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Jolinda Marquez

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San Clemente Ocean Festival
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CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE WALL OF RECOGNITION

(Summary of Policy)

In recognition of the outstanding efforts of individuals who dedicate time and effort to the betterment of the community, the City of San Clemente has established a Wall of Recognition, located in the lobby of the Community Center, 100 North Calle Seville. The contributions and selfless efforts of these individuals have made the City of San Clemente a more productive and enjoyable place to live, work and play.

In February of each year, the City accepts nominations, from non-profit organizations or groups consisting of 10 or more individuals, of any person who meets the qualifications, as listed below, to be recognized on the Wall of Recognition. A review committee, comprised of a representative of the City Council, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission, the Human Affairs Committee, City staff, and past recipients of the award reviews the applications and makes a recommendation to City Council. The recipient chosen is permanently honored on the Wall with a plaque describing the contributions of the individual.

Guidelines for Sponsorship

In order for a nominee to be considered for the Wall of Recognition, he/she must be sponsored by a group in the following manner:

- a. **Non-Profit Organization:** The nominee is sponsored by an organization registered with the State of California as a not-for-profit community organization, exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or
- b. **Consensus:** The nominee is sponsored by a minimum of 10 individuals whose primary residences are in the City of San Clemente.

Qualifications of the Nominee to be Recognized on the Wall of Recognition

- a. The nominee must be a resident (primary residence) of the City of San Clemente for a minimum of 10 years.
- b. Service to the community must have been performed in the City or can be adequately shown to have directly benefited the City.

Wall of Recognition Policy

Submittal Requirements

The following items shall be included in the request to recognize a nominee on the Wall of Recognition. The request shall be limited to one (1) single-sided 8 1/2" by 11" typewritten page.

- a. Name, address and age of individual nominated.
- b. Name and address of the sponsor(s) and the name and address of the contact person who will represent the sponsor. Only one individual shall be listed as the contact person. For nominees being sponsored by a consensus group, the list of sponsoring individuals can be submitted on a separate sheet of paper.
- c. Length of time the nominee has resided in the City (primary residence).
- d. Services provided by the nominee that benefited the community and length of time they were provided. Estimate the number of hours the nominee spent in the provision of these services.
- e. A description of why the services provided by the nominee were of value to the community and why the sponsor considers the nominee to be ideal for the Wall of Recognition. The sponsor shall be responsible to verify the accuracy of the information provided.

Application Deadline

Written nominations may be submitted to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department, 100 N. Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672. The deadline for submittals is 5:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of February each year. Submittals received after the deadline will be returned to the sponsor unopened.

Should you need further clarification regarding qualification and submittal requirements, please call the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department at (949) 361-8237.

Wall of Recognition Honorees

1995	Max Berg Leo F. Fessenden Anthony R. "Tony" DiGiovanni William A. "Mac" McGilligan Richard Thomas Steed Arlie Waterman
1996	Don R. McCanne, M.D. Lee Steelman
1997	Dorothy Fuller
1998	Jan Sener
1999	R. Stan Manning Eleanor Yutzi
2000	Dick Arons Peggy Stroud
2001	Ralph Klaasen
2002	Woodrow "Woody" Chesney Stingley
2003	Wilma Bloom
2004	Jim Johnson
2005	Julie DiGiovanni
2006	Richard "Rod" Rodriguez Agnes Nesbitt
2007	Pete McKenzie Jim Holbert
2008	Rex Tyner
2009	Ann Hansen and Don Hansen
2010	Bertha Henry Taylor
2011	Joe Anderson & Mary Anna Anderson
2012	Dr. William "Bill" Thomas
2013	Tony Carbonara
2014	Ruth DeNault
2015	Betty Limberg Jim Nielsen
2016	Robert "Bob" Hayden
2017	Gus Gialamas, MD Peggy Vance
2018	Lou Leto
2019	Lori Donchak
2020	Ed Stewart
2021	Fred Swegles Don Brown
2022	Don Glasgow Lisa Spinelli