

Pacific Palisades Community Council

Citizen of the Year and Golden Sparkplug Awards Nominations

(Pacific Palisades, CA – September 26, 2026) Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted from the community for the 2026 Citizen of the Year and Golden Sparkplug Awards, to be presented at our Awards Gala on **December 10, 2026** (venue and additional details to come)!

Nominations must be submitted by email to info@pacpalicc.org. The deadline for receipt of nominations is **5pm on Saturday, October 17, 2026**.

The **Citizen of the Year Award** honors *long-term, steady, reliable and continuing outstanding volunteer service as well as a recent extraordinary accomplishment by an individual that resulted in a substantial benefit to the Palisades community at large.* The recipient must be an adult resident of the Palisades at the time the accomplishment and long-term services were rendered.¹

The **Golden Sparkplug Award** honors those citizens who ignite *original ideas and projects into community action that benefit Palisadians throughout the community. The project must have been initiated, in progress or completed during the current or prior calendar year.* Adults and youth are both eligible, and must either reside in, own real property in, or operate a business in the Palisades at the time the services were rendered (*see fn. 1 below*).

In the case of both Awards, **the services, accomplishment or project must have been voluntary and not related to nor a beneficial outcome of the nominee's business, profession or occupation.** Neither Award can be given to PPCC board members based on services directly related to their responsibilities as board members, although such services may be considered as a qualifying factor in the case of nominees for the Citizen Award. The Award recipients are based on the quality of work and benefits achieved, not the quantity of nominations.

Please note: **“Pride of the Palisades” distinction is discretionary** and may be bestowed from time to time only in exceptional circumstances, as determined by the Awards Selection Committee. **Nominations from the public are not sought for Pride of the Palisades honors** (see Awards Guidelines linked below).

For further information about Awards requirements, email info@pacpalicc.org, or visit <https://pacpalicc.org/index.php/awards-guidelines>.

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¹ The requirements for residency (both the Citizen and Sparkplug Awards) and/or business operation (Sparkplug Award) in the Palisades shall apply to those who have been temporarily displaced by the Fire but who intend to return to reside or operate their business in Pacific Palisades.