



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Pierson and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Approved by: Reva Feldman, City Manager

Date prepared: August 4, 2020 Meeting date: September 14, 2020

Subject: Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award Nomination

RECOMMENDED ACTION: At the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, approve the nomination of John Bell and Ellen Reich as the recipients of the 2020 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this award was included in the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in Account Nos. 100-4001-6160 (General Recreation Operating Supplies) and 100-4001-5401 (General Recreation Advertising & Noticing).

WORK PLAN: This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. This project is part of normal staff operations.

DISCUSSION: At the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Council created the Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award in 2002 to recognize outstanding individual(s) or groups who give their time and resources to enhance the quality of parks and recreation within the Malibu community. The award was created in honor Los Angeles County Sherriff's Deputy Hagop "Jake" Kuredjian, who was killed in the line of duty on August 31, 2001, after 17 years of service. Deputy Kuredjian was presented the Gold Meritorious Conduct Medal in 1989 for rescuing a woman from a cliff in Malibu.

Past recipients of the Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award demonstrated a strong commitment to and involvement in recreation in Malibu, while showing a high level of citizenship within the community.

On July 21, 2020, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed nominations for the 2020 award and recommended two community members to receive the award, John Bell and Ellen Reich.

Mr. Bell was a longtime Malibu resident before his passing in April 2020 and served as the first president of the Malibu High School Athletic Booster Club. He organized the first Christmas Tree Lot to benefit athletic programs at Malibu High School and served in various capacities with the Malibu Boardriders and Malibu Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Reich was the City's second Poet Laureate, and held the position for one year, before passing away in May 2020. Her teachings and commitment to Malibu made a lasting impression on the community. She taught Creative Writing and Poetry for Emeritus College at the Malibu Senior Center for many years before becoming Poet Laureate. She was the recipient of multiple poetry awards, a published author, and a recognized visual artist.

The Council is asked to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to present the 2020 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award to the families of John Bell and Ellen Reich. If approved, the recipients will be recognized on the City's website, social media accounts, and through local newspapers. Additionally, the families of both recipients will receive a plaque in honor of their loved one's dedication to Malibu.

ATTACHMENT: Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award Past Recipients



City of Malibu

Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award Recipients

2002

Ron Bloomfield
Joel Castro
Doug O'Brien
Jill & Harold Smith
Maud Ann Sunderland

2004

Jack Schultz "Papa Jack"

2005

Tim Biglow
Danny Klein
Nick Tidy

2007

Mike Doyle
Steve Rodriguez
James Whalen
Bruce Young

2008

John Paola

2012

Dermot Stoker

2013

Michael Zweig

2014

Steve Ciniglio

2015

Joan House

2017

Bob Stallings

2018

Mike Mulligan
Justine Petretti

2019

Kasey Earnest
Steve Hotchkiss