



Council Agenda Report

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

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Date prepared: September 22, 2021 Meeting date: October 11, 2021

Subject: Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award

RECOMMENDED ACTION: At the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, approve the nomination of Sandy Banducci and Rob LeMond as the recipients of the 2021 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this award in the amount of \$700 is included in the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in Account Nos. 100-4001-6160-00 (General Recreation Operating Supplies) and 100-4001-5401-00 (General Recreation Advertising & Noticing).

WORK PLAN: This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. This project is part of normal staff operations.

DISCUSSION: 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 of 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 20, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Commission opened the public nomination process, which resulted in three nominees. On September 21, 2021, the Commission reviewed the three public nominees and one additional nomination from a Commissioner. The Commission selected two community members to receive the award, Sandy Banducci and Rob LeMond.

Sandy Banducci was a longtime Malibu resident who was instrumental in the development and sustained success of youth sports in Malibu. She coordinated youth flag football, volleyball, and basketball as part of Malibu Team Sports before the City's incorporation and was a passionate advocate for middle school sports programs. She served as the Athletic Director for Malibu Park Middle School and Malibu High School in the 1990s before she began working for the City in 2000. During her time with the City, she established positive relationships with local families and encouraged children to learn fundamental skills through sports. Sandy worked with the City for almost 20 years before her passing on July 3, 2019.

For over 50 years, Rob LeMond has taught ocean, swimming, and surfing camps for the Malibu community. His commitment to teaching ocean safety, swimming skills, and the importance of staying active have made a lasting impact on the community. As a former ocean lifeguard, Mr. LeMond continues to serve as a mentor to young swimmers, educating them on respect for the ocean and how to navigate it during all types of conditions.

The Council is asked to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to present the 2021 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award to Sandy Banducci and Rob LeMond. If approved, the recipients will be recognized on the City's website, social media accounts, and through local newspapers. Additionally, recipients or their families will receive a plaque honoring their dedication to Malibu.

ATTACHMENTS: 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

2020

John Bell
Ellen Reich