



# Council Agenda Report

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

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Approved by: Steve McClary, City Manager

Date prepared: October 19, 2022 Meeting date: November 14, 2022

Subject: Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** At the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, approve the nomination of Richard Lawson and Judy Villablanca as the recipients of the 2022 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this award in the amount of \$700 is included in the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in Account Numbers 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 2022-2023.

**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 Sheriff'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 (Attachment).

On September 20, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the nominations of Richard Lawson and Judy Villablanca as the 2022 recipients.

Richard Lawson has been a teacher and coach at Malibu High School since 1996 and began the football program at Malibu High School the same year. As a high school physical education teacher, he focuses on positive outcomes through physical and mental growth as well as development. Additionally, Mr. Lawson has instructed summer surf programs for the City of Malibu since 2006. His commitment to teaching safety and respect for the ocean has positively impacted his students and the community.

Judy Villablanca served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for over five years. She was instrumental in developing several Parks and Recreation projects and programs, including the Temporary and Permanent Skate Parks, the Earth Friendly Management Policy, and restoring native habitats in City parks. Mrs. Villablaca volunteers with community organizations, including the Earth Friendly Management Working Group, the Malibu Monarch Project, Karma Rescue, and Westside German Shepherd Rescue.

The Council is asked to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to present the 2022 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award to Richard Lawson and Judy Villablanca. If approved, the recipients will be recognized at an upcoming Council meeting and acknowledged on the City's website, social media accounts, and through local newspapers.

ATTACHMENTS: Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award Past Recipients



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## 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

### **2021**

Sandy Banducci  
Rob LeMond