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CITY OF SUNNYVALE NAMES COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

Award presentations to be made at Sept. 14 State of the City Celebration

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – The City of Sunnyvale has announced the winners of the annual Community Awards program. The Mayor and Councilmembers will honor the awardees at the City's State of the City Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 14. This year's awardees are:

- Kaushik Tota (Saint Francis High School) and Zara Vakath (The Harker School), High School Students of the Year;
- Mary Grace Votran (Columbia Middle School), Educator of the Year;
- Mark Bowers (City of Sunnyvale), Environmental Achievement;
- Ray Piontek (Bay Area Furniture Bank), Business of the Year;
- Lawrence E. Stone (Santa Clara County Assessor), Contribution to the Arts; and
- Dr. Benjamin H. Picard (Superintendent, Sunnyvale School District), Distinguished Resident of the Year.

Award nominations were accepted from the community this summer and reviewed by a panel of former Community Awards winners. Mayor Larry Klein will present the special Mayor's Award of Excellence at the State of the City Celebration. By tradition, this award winner is not named until the ceremony.

Sunnyvale's State of the City Celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 14 on Murphy Avenue in downtown Sunnyvale. The Mayor will deliver his State of the City address at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Community Awards presentations. The City will also host a community celebration with entertainment, family-friendly activities and information tables. All community members are invited to attend this free event. Visit Sunnyvale.ca.gov for [event details](#).

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