



2026 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

The Dana Point Chamber of Commerce honors an individual each year whose community service and philanthropic efforts have significantly impacted the quality of life in Dana Point. We invite you to nominate a deserving individual for the **2026 Citizen of the Year** Award.

The recipient will be celebrated at the Chamber's Wavemakers Dinner & Awards Night on February 4, 2027, at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa. Please ensure your nomination highlights actions taken by the nominee during 2026. Nominations must be submitted no later than **December 1, 2026**.

Eligibility

The Citizen of the Year award recognizes an individual whose personal actions, leadership, and commitment have made a meaningful and lasting impact on the Dana Point community. Nominees should be honored for contributions made as a private individual - through volunteerism, civic engagement, mentorship, advocacy, or acts of service. Nominations will be reviewed by the Citizen of the Year Committee, comprised of past award recipients.

Nominations should reflect contributions made in 2026, not general or lifetime service.

Submission

Return your completed nomination form to the Chamber via:

- Email: Katie McGann at katie@danapointchamber.com
- Mail: Dana Point Chamber of Commerce
ATTN: Citizen of the Year Nominating Committee
34183 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite A
Dana Point, CA 92629

For questions, please contact the Chamber at (949) 496-1555.

Past Recipients

For a complete list of past recipients, please refer to the additional attachment or contact the Chamber.

Instructions

Please complete the form below in its entirety. Incomplete nominations may not be considered. You may attach additional supporting documents if necessary.

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Nominee Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

City of Residence: _____

Email: _____

Business/Organization (if applicable): _____

Nomination Questions

1. Why do you believe this individual should be considered for Citizen of the Year?
(Provide specific examples of their impact on the Dana Point community in 2025.)

2. With which Dana Point organizations has this individual been involved?
(Include the roles they held and their contributions.)

3. What types of community service activities has this individual participated in within Dana Point?
(Detail any events, initiatives, or projects where the nominee made a significant contribution.)

Nominator Information

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for helping us recognize those who make a meaningful difference in our community.

**PLEASE RETURN
APPLICATION TO:**

KATIE MCGANN, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & EVENTS
DANA POINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Past Citizen of the Year Recipients

- 2025 Mike Darnold
- 2024 Gary Macrides
- 2023 Karin Schnell
- 2022 Terry Rifkin
- 2021 Jack Loconsolo
- 2020 Jody Marcon
- 2019 Mike Killebrew
- 2018 Barbara Johannes
- 2017 Donna Kalez
- 2016 Bruce Beal (deceased)
- 2015 Terry Walsh
- 2014 Nancy Jenkins
- 2013 Gene Burrus (deceased)
- 2012 Judy Henderson
- 2011 Pete Hammer
- 2010 Lara Anderson
- 2009 Alan Wickstrom
- 2008 Rod Howorth (deceased)
- 2007 Carlos & Georgelean Olvera
- 2006 Doris Walker (deceased)
- 2005 Jim Miller
- 2004 Wayne Rayfield (deceased)
- 2003 Cecil Cowder (deceased)
- 2002 Don Hansen (deceased)
- 2001 Judy Brandmeier
- 2000 Bob Moore (deceased)
- 1999 Beverly Sels (deceased)
- 1998 Kendall Flint
- 1997 Patti Short
- 1996 Harold Kaufman
- 1995 Don Porter (deceased)
- 1994 James Hyde (deceased)
- 1993 Karen Lloreda
- 1992 Lynn Muir
- 1991 Liz Bamattre
- 1991 Bill Bamattre
- 1990 Susan Hinman
- 1989 Matt Ehnhart (deceased)
- 1988 Mike Eggers (deceased)
- 1987 Ed Conway (deceased)
- 1986 Judy Curreri
- 1985 Stan Cummings (deceased)
- 1984 Andy Loomis
- 1983 Richard "Dick" Ribble (deceased)
- 1982 Harry Otsubo (deceased)