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# **City of San Diego Human Relations Commission Announces Annual Awards Recipients**

**AWARDS RECOGNIZE SAN DIEGANS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS**

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego’s Human Relations Commission (HRC) is pleased to announce the recipients of its annual awards, which recognize individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to peace, social justice, and human and civil rights in San Diego.

The recipient of the Business Diversity Award is The Arc of San Diego, an organization that supports and empowers people with disabilities to achieve their life goals. This business stands out for its focus on diversity and inclusion as demonstrated through its leadership and community initiatives.

San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo and Alex Villafuerte of the Asian Business Association San Diego will both receive the Commission Partner Award for their partnerships and support of the HRC. They have been instrumental in accomplishing positive change in the community and have worked closely with the HRC throughout the year on priority issues.

The Keith M. Turnham award will be presented to Rafael Monroy, a Restorative Practices RJMP/IIRP Certified Trainer and Coach with National Conflict Resolution

Center. This award is named after former Human Relations Commissioner Keith M. Turnham and is presented to a veteran who exemplifies public and community service in San Diego.

**“San Diego’s greatest strength is our people, and the outstanding work of these award recipients is a testament to that fact,” Mayor Todd Gloria said. “These accomplishments promoting human and civil rights demonstrate how individuals can play a role in making sure our city is inclusive and strives to live up to our highest ideals.”**

This year the Commission will also award Human Relations Commendations to the following recipients for their outstanding work in the community: Dolores Garcia of Gompers Preparatory Academy; Linda Sheridan of San Diego Arts Culture; Terri Villa-McDowell from L.A. vs Hate; Temika Cook, a community activist.

Nominations were accepted from the public in November 2021, and recipients were selected by the Commission in December.

**Correction:**

The initial release reads: "Award recipients were honored at a Jan. 20, 2022, ceremony at the City's Central Library." However, the ceremony was postponed until May 2022 due to the pandemic.

The HRC conducts and promotes activities that foster understanding, respect and inclusion among all members of the San Diego community.

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