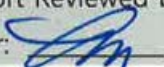


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City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: March 16, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: City Council Subcommittee:
Councilmember Neysa Hinton
Councilmember Diana Rich
Public Works Superintendent Dante Del Prete
Responsible Department: Public Works Department
Subject: Approval of the Subcommittee Recommendation of the Locals Who Make a Difference (LWMAD) Recognition Program Honoree
Recommendation: That the City Council approve the LWMAD Subcommittee's recommendation to announce and recognize the succeeding honoree of the Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program.
Funding: Currently Budgeted: Yes No N/A
Net General Fund Cost: \$4,500 2020/21 Funding Source: General Fund

Account Code 124-41-03-4330/Costs of \$4,500 authorized in City Approved Budget AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION:

This item is to request that the City Council approve the LWMAD Subcommittee's recommendation to announce and recognize the succeeding honoree of the Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program was created to acknowledge and thank members of the Sebastopol community for their contributions in helping to make Sebastopol a better place to live. Honorees are announced and recognized with banners lining Sebastopol's Main Street and Downtown Plaza, a proclamation by the City Council, and on the City website. There are three honorees each year, with each honoree being featured for approximately four months.

DISCUSSION:

On March 8, 2021 the LWMAD Subcommittee reviewed the nomination applications for the next Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program Honoree.

The year-to-date nominees are as follows:

Rei Blaser, Myriah Volk, Hunter Valencia, and Carson Pforsich

The LWMAD honorees are listed below:
Carson Pforsich (First LWMAD Honoree)
Meg Mizutani (Second LWMAD Honoree)
Roger and Linda Collins (Third LWMAD Honoree)
Pat Schoch (Fourth LWMAD Honoree)
Greg Jacobs (Fifth LWMAD Honoree)
Pat & Craig Boblitt (Sixth LWMAD Honoree)
Joe & Linda Maloney (Seventh LWMAD Honoree)
Elizabeth Smith (Eighth LWMAD Honoree)

Pending approval by the City Council, it is the LWMAD Subcommittee's recommendation that Hunter Valencia be announced and recognized as the next City of Sebastopol Locals Who Make a Difference Honorees'.

Here is an excerpt from his nomination application(s):

"Hunter has a community service mindset that is quite unique for his age. Carrying all honor & AP classes, taking 2 college courses, as well as his volunteer service clubs, he still finds the time to mentor other young people in the community academically and as a certified children's Yoga teacher. He exemplifies what it means to be a young person in leadership and dreams of one day being in politics to be the change he wishes to see."

"[Hunter has been] in Demolay since he was 12, he joined the local chapter and now serves as the region representative and chapter master councilor he has given many hours to the community through Demolay."

"During the pandemic [he] has helped fulfill every single Peace Bag making over 1,500"

"Hunter has donated his time to Soroptimist International of West Sonoma County by helping with the town flockings to raise money for women and girls."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of this item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to schedule meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for this item is currently budgeted in General Fund Street division at \$4, 500.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the LWMAD Subcommittee's recommendation to announce and recognize Hunter Valencia as the succeeding honoree(s) of the Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None