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# **Call for Nominations for 2021 City of San Diego Human Relations Commission Awards**

**CITY TO HONOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHO PROMOTE PEACE, SOCIAL JUSTICE, HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS; NOMINATIONS DUE DEC. 1**

SAN DIEGO – Starting this week, the City of San Diego is accepting nominations for the Human Relations Commission annual awards, which recognize individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to peace, social justice, and human and civil rights in San Diego. Residents and community members are encouraged to submit nominations.

**“The recognition awards ceremony is an excellent opportunity for the Commission and the community to acknowledge and commend worthy individuals and organizations that improve San Diego through respect and understanding,” said Dr. Gerald Brown, Interim Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission. “I urge everyone to take the time to consider local individuals and organizations deserving of these awards.”**

The deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021. A submission form and other information is available on the Human Relations Commission website at [sandiego.gov/human-relations](http://sandiego.gov/human-relations).

Award categories include:

- **Keith M. Turnham Humanitarian Award**, named for former Human Relations Commissioner and dedicated community activist, Keith M. Turnham. The award recognizes and honors a veteran who exemplifies public and community service.
- **Business Diversity Award**, which recognizes a business or corporation for its focus on diversity and inclusion in its organizational philosophy, as demonstrated through its corporate leadership, employment policies, corporate giving, and/or community initiatives.

- **Commission Partner Award**, which acknowledges that partnerships are key to accomplishing positive change in the community. The awardee is an individual or organization that has worked closely with the Human Relations Commission through the year on priority issues.

Nominees will be selected by the Human Relations Commission in December and award recipients will be honored at the 2022 Human Relation Commission Awards Ceremony. The event will be open to the public and held on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common in the Shiley Special Events Suite.

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