



Nomination Packet
**2022 San Joaquin Valley
Blueprint Awards**

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Award Presentations, May 12th, Clovis CA

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2022 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards

Deadline: April 15, 2022, Noon

Introduction

The purpose of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards program is to encourage quality planning and development by recognizing outstanding achievements and practices in the built environment. In recognizing and celebrating projects that reflect the Blueprint Principles, we hope to provide visual examples of attractive, functional and environmentally friendly projects that could have relevance throughout the Valley.

Awards will be presented at the 15th Annual San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference in a luncheon ceremony on Thursday, May 12, 2022, to be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District in Clovis, CA.

Blueprint Principles

On April 1, 2009, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council adopted a list of 12 Smart Growth Principles (“Blueprint Principles”) to be used as the basis of Blueprint planning in the San Joaquin Valley:

1. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
2. Create walkable and bikeable neighborhoods
3. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
4. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
5. Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective
6. Mix of land uses
7. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas
8. Provide a variety of transportation choices
9. Strengthen and direct development toward existing communities
10. Take advantage of compact building design
11. Enhance the economic vitality of the region
12. Support actions that encourage environmental resource management
13. Plan for future water needs

Award Categories

Only one first-place award (“Award of Excellence”) will be selected per category. One exceptionally ranking award finalist per category may also be selected to receive an award (“Award of Merit”). If the judges find that none of the nominations in a category meets the criteria, there may be no award in that category.

- A. **Development Project Categories** (on the ground, existing projects built from 2016 to present):
1. Residential
 2. Commercial
 3. Mixed Use
 4. Downtown Revitalization
 5. Transportation Enhancement
 6. Historic Revitalization
- B. **Planning Project/Program Categories**
 Recognition of planning projects or programs that are in place to encourage and allow for Blueprint friendly projects. Planning project/program within the past six years (2016 to present):
1. Residential Development
 2. Commercial Development
 3. Mixed Use
 4. Downtown Revitalization
 5. Transportation Enhancement
 6. Historic Revitalization
- C. **Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award Category**
 This award is in memory of the former Blueprint project manager from Kern COG who was thoroughly engaged in the planning process. The fruits of his labor are still with us today as we move the Blueprint from the planning to the implementation phase. Darrel is remembered for his attention to detail and his insistence that the planning principles were the centerpiece of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process.
- D. **Outstanding San Joaquin Valley Local Elected Official**
 This award is a new award category for 2022 and will be given to two local (city or county) elected officials who have shown tremendous leadership and advocacy for promoting local and regional efforts that support the Blueprint Principles.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants are required to meet all the following criteria.

- Nominations are open to candidate projects and individuals within the San Joaquin Valley's eight counties: Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin.
- The project is an on-the-ground, existing project built within the past six years. Projects built/completed prior to January 2016 will not be considered.
- The project/program or individual reflects the Blueprint Principles, and the nominator demonstrates strong rationale.
- Planning project or program that has been adopted by its jurisdiction within the past six years.
- The project or individual is not a previous Blueprint Award recipient (please see a list of previous Blueprint Award recipients, pages 6-8).

Nomination Submittal Requirements

1. Nomination Form: Completed Blueprint Awards Nomination Form.
2. Summary Description: One-page summary of the nominated award candidate.
3. Award Criteria: one to two-page explanation of how the candidate specifically reflects at least two of the Blueprint Principles listed in the packet.
4. Letter(s) of Support: At least one, but no more than three, one page letter(s) of support for the nominated project/candidate.
5. Images: 5 to 10 high quality digital images in JPG format. Include a brief description for each image.

Please note:

- All submissions must strictly follow the material requirements outlined below and on the Blueprint Awards Nomination Form.
- Do not submit paper copies.
- Incomplete submissions or late submittals will not be accepted.
- Only one submission per award category.

Submittal

Nominations must be received by Noon (12pm) on Friday, April 15, 2022 via email only. Zip up and put in one folder please if possible.

Email completed nomination package to:

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Administrative Services Manager

Fresno Council of Governments

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Selection Process and Schedule

Judging: Nominations will be provided to a panel of judges consisting of staff from the Central California Chapter of the American Planning Association, and staff from the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies. The agencies are listed on the cover for this document.

Schedule:

January 17, 2022	Begin Call for Nominations
April 15, 2022	Nomination Deadline, 12 noon
April 25, 2022	Judging Completed
April 29, 2022	Awards Announcement
May 12, 2022	SJV Policy Conference Awards Luncheon

Questions

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San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Past Recipients 2009-2019

CATEGORY	RECIPIENT
2019	
Mix Use	Tesoro Viejo -The McCaffrey Group, Madera County
Residential Development Project	Sierra Village - Self-Help Enterprises, City of Dinuba Anchor Village -Domus Development LLC, City of Stockton
Transportation Enhancement Project	Palm Terrace - Self-Help Enterprises, City of Lindsay Operations & Maintenance Facility - Transit Joint Powers Authority of Merced County
Downtown Revitalization	City of Woodlake Staff and Council
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	Bill Zigler, City of Lindsay
2018	
Downtown Revitalization	UC Merced
Downtown Revitalization	Cottage Home Program, City of Clovis
Residential Development	Magnolia Crossing, Innovative Development and Living Solutions of California
2017	
Commercial Development	Dry Creek Business Park Phase II, Clovis
Residential Development	Highland Gardens Affordable Rental Project, Self-Help Enterprises
Downtown Revitalization-Small Jurisdiction	Rio Villas (Firebaugh, CA), Fresno Housing Authority
Downtown Revitalization-Large Jurisdiction	"The Lede" Project, Granville Homes, Inc.
Historic Revitalization	The Belding Building, Ten Space
Transportation Enhancement	Multi-Phased Downtown Enhancement Project, City of Woodlake
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	Darius Assemi, Granville Homes, Inc.
2015	
Mixed Use	1612 City Lofts, Bakersfield
Residential	Avena Bella, Turlock
Downtown Revitalization	Brio on Broadway, Fresno The Newberry Building, Stockton
Transportation Enhancement	Dry Creek Trailhead, Clovis Bradley Overhead - Highway 140, Merced
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	San Joaquin Sustainable Communities Coalition, San Joaquin County

2014

Commercial Development
Mixed Use

M Streets Arts Complex, Fresno
Goshen Park Village, Goshen

Downtown Revitalization

Lemoore Recreation Center, Lemoore
Crichton Place, Fresno

Historic Revitalization

Downtown Beautification Project, Waterford
Bungalow Court, Fresno

Transportation Enhancement

Whitney Transit Center, Woodlake

Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

Barbara Steck, Fresno COG

2013

Residential Development

Mustang Peak Village, Newman

Parc Grove Commons, Fresno

Mixed Use

1612 Fulton, Fresno

Downtown Revitalization

Commercial Building Façade Improvement & Blight
Remediation Project, Stockton

Historic Revitalization

Downtown Stockton Alliance, Stockton

Transportation Enhancement

Manteca Transit Center, Manteca Hammer
Triangle Station, Stockton

Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

John Wright, Valley Planner's Network

2012

Residential Development

330 North Van Ness Cottages, Fresno

Tule Vista Rent to Own Housing, Tulare

Mixed Use

Baker Street, Bakersfield

Commercial Development

Main Street Promenade, Visalia

Downtown Revitalization

Downtown Revitalization, Tracy

Historic Revitalization

Arts Alive District, Bakersfield

Merced Theatre, Merced

Carnegie Library and Arts Center, Turlock

Transportation Enhancement

Lowell Community Garden, Fresno

Santa Fe Bridge Project, Visalia

Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

Bill Spriggs, SJV Regional Policy Council

2011

Public Infrastructure

Mill Creek, Bakersfield

Downtown Plaza, Newman

Street Improvements, Avenal

Mixed Use

Fulton Village, Fresno

Fulton Complex, Fresno

Transportation Enhancement

Downtown Transit Center, Stockton

Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

Carol Ornelas, Visionary Home Builders

2010

Residential Development

Villa Monterey Apartments, Stockton

Mixed Use

Wagner Woods, Ripon

Downtown Revitalization

Downtown Revitalization, Riverbank

Historic Revitalization

Theater Restoration Project, Avenal

Revitalization – Unincorporated Area

Revitalization Project, Woodbridge

Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

Low Nelson, City of Tulare Public Works

2009

Community Plan – Unincorporated Community

Hilmar Community Plan, Merced County

Master Planned Community

Harlan Ranch, Clovis

General Plan- Small Jurisdiction

General Plan, Porterville

Community Plan – Unincorporated Community

General Plan – 4 Community Plans, Kings County

General Plan – Small Jurisdiction

General Plan, Tracy

Master Planned Community

Copper River Ranch, Fresno

Sustainable Development Policies

General Plan – Land Use and Resource Conservation

Elements, Kings County

2022 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Award

Nomination Form

Nominations for the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards are due: **Noon, Friday, April 15, 2022.**
Materials received after this date will not be accepted and will not be returned.

I nominate _____

for a 2022 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards in the category (check one):

Development Project

- Residential
- Commercial
- Mixed Use
- Downtown Revitalization
- Transportation Enhancement
- Historic Revitalization

Planning Project/Program

- Residential
- Commercial
- Mixed Use
- Downtown Revitalization
- Transportation Enhancement
- Historic Revitalization

Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award Category

Outstanding San Joaquin Valley Local Elected Official

NOMINATION INFORMATION

It is imperative that the following documentation is provided in full.

A. Nominator.

The Nominator will be considered the primary communications contact for all decisions made on this nomination and will work with Blueprint Awards program staff to obtain additional information and materials.

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____

B. Primary Award Recipient.

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____

C. Recognition. Primary organization to be listed on trophy/plaque if chosen as winner:

Optional. Other supporting organization(s) that worked on the project and that are to be recognized at the Blueprint Awards Ceremony:

D. Acknowledgement of Nominator/Award Recipient

I acknowledge that the submitted work was done by the parties credited in this Blueprint Awards Application Form, and that the work meets the appropriate nomination submittal requirements listed in the instructions.

Signature of Nominator _____

Printed Name of Nominator _____