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# Folsom City Council Staff Report

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	1/23/2024
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b>	New Business
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Resolution No. 11161 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Citywide Quarterly Citizen Award and Recognition Program
<b>FROM:</b>	City Manager's Office

### **RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

Staff recommends that the Folsom City Council provide direction on the establishment of a citywide quarterly citizen award and recognition program and approve Resolution No. 11161 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Citywide Quarterly Citizen Award and Recognition Program.

### **BACKGROUND / ISSUE**

The Folsom City Council is committed to acknowledging and celebrating the accomplishments and dedication of community members who contribute significantly to the betterment of the Folsom community.

City Council meetings regularly feature presentations where organizations and individuals are honored for their outstanding achievements. On June 23, 2022, the City Manager introduced a policy outlining the issuance of certificates of recognition and appreciation. According to this policy, these certificates may be granted to individuals, groups, organizations, or businesses demonstrating extraordinary achievement or making exceptional contributions to the Folsom community.

At the October 10, 2023 City Council meeting, a consensus of the Folsom City Council requested that the Council consider a formalized process to recognize community members who have made a significant impact on enhancing the overall quality of life in Folsom.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Folsom City Council seeks to consider enhancing its recognition practices by instituting a

quarterly citizen award and recognition program. In this initiative, Councilmembers will nominate one deserving individual each quarter.

Objectives of the program:

1. Acknowledge and Appreciate: Recognize and appreciate the invaluable contributions of community members.
2. Boost Community Engagement: Encourage more residents to actively participate in the community.
3. Build a Stronger Community: Strengthen community bonds and foster a sense of pride and belonging.

Under the program, each Councilmember will nominate one recipient every quarter, resulting in the acknowledgment of twenty recipients annually.

Award recipients will be honored with a certificate during a Folsom City Council meeting. Additionally, their achievements will be highlighted on the City's website, newsletter, and social media platforms and on a display at Folsom City Hall.

The selection criteria and program specifics for the award program will be developed by City staff. The program would commence in 2024.

#### **POLICY / RULE**

Folsom Charter section 2.04(D) states that the Mayor shall be responsible for public relations activities and represent the City for ceremonial purposes. Therefore, awards from individual Councilmembers shall not duplicate the actions or activities of the Mayor.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no additional fiscal impact as a result of the proposed action.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution No. 11161 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Citywide Quarterly Citizen Award and Recognition Program

Submitted,

Christine Brainerd, Acting Assistant City Manager/Communications Director

**RESOLUTION NO. 11161**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CITYWIDE CITIZEN AWARD AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Folsom City Council is committed to acknowledging and celebrating the accomplishments and dedication of community members who contribute significantly to the betterment of the Folsom community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Folsom City Council regularly recognizes organizations and individuals are honored for their outstanding achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, a quarterly community service award and recognition program would formalize and expand efforts to spotlight and commend community members who have made a significant impact on enhancing the overall quality of life in Folsom; and

**WHEREAS**, in this initiative, Councilmembers will nominate one deserving recipient each quarter; and

**WHEREAS**, recipients will be honored with a certificate during a Folsom City Council meeting, and their achievements will be highlighted on the City's website, newsletter, and social media platforms and on display at Folsom City Hall.

**WHEREAS**, the agreement will be in a form acceptable to the City Attorney:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Folsom authorizes the City Manager to execute a citywide quarterly citizen award and recognition program.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024, by the following roll-call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmember(s):  
**NOES:** Councilmember(s):  
**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s):  
**ABSTAIN:** Councilmember(s):

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Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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