



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	9/9/2025
AGENDA SECTION:	Scheduled Presentations
SUBJECT:	Presentation of Spirit of Folsom Awards
FROM:	City Manager's Office

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Folsom City Council will recognize the 2025 Spirit of Folsom Award recipients.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The Folsom City Council regularly celebrates community members for their outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to making Folsom a better place for all.

On January 23, 2024, the Folsom City Council established an annual community service award and recognition program to formalize and expand efforts to spotlight those who have significantly contributed to the Folsom community. The City presented the inaugural Spirit of Folsom Award program in September 2024.

Planning for the second annual Spirit of Folsom Award began in July 2025, and a call for nominations was issued to the public. As part of this program, each City Councilmember nominates one recipient from their respective district, resulting in five honorees each year. Applicants may nominate themselves or another individual. A City Councilmember may select his/her own nominee. Eligible nominees must be a resident, volunteer, employee of a Folsom business, or a student enrolled in a school within the City of Folsom. The City's website provides details about the nomination, application, and selection process.

Award recipients will be honored with an award at the September 9 Folsom City Council meeting. Their achievements will be displayed at Folsom City Hall and highlighted on the City's website, newsletter, and social media platforms.

2025 Spirit of Folsom Award Winners:

- Beth Graybill, nominated by Mayor Sarah Aquino
- Tom Handy, nominated by Vice Mayor Justin Raithel

- Kathy Cole, nominated by Councilmember Mike Kozlowski
- Michael Raffetto, nominated by Councilmember Barbara Leary
- Joanne Brausch, nominated by Councilmember Anna Rohrbough

Submitted,

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