



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	9/8/2026
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 2026 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 third annual Spirit of Folsom Award began in July 2026, 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 their 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 8 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.

2026 Spirit of Folsom Award Winners:

- Brian Wallace, nominated by Mayor Justin Raithel

- Friends of Folsom Parkways, represented by Special Projects Director Glenn Hermanson, nominated by Vice Mayor Anna Rohrbough
- Jim Snook, nominated by Councilmember Mike Kozlowski
- Paul Romero, nominated by Councilmember Barbara Leary
- Vijay Bhaskar Jonnalagadda, nominated by Councilmember Sarah Aquino

Submitted,

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