



Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit were selected by a jury of our peers representing different fields of planning and different locations throughout the state. Submittals for state awards were first evaluated by the local Sections for their respective awards, making them quite exceptional!

We invite you to join us for the state awards ceremony during the annual Chapter conference this September, where we will recognize and celebrate the best in California planning. The purpose of the APA California Awards Program is to encourage quality in planning and increase the public's awareness of the planning profession by recognizing outstanding achievement in the planning field.

Awards of Excellence

- **Opportunity and Empowerment Award** – West Athens-Westmont 10-Minute Walk Campaign, *Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation*
- **Comprehensive Plan Award (Large)** – Ventura County 2040 General Plan. Ventura County Resource Management Agency, Planning Division, *County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency, Planning Division*
- **Comprehensive Plan Award (Small)** – Elevate Beaumont 2040 (Beaumont General Plan Update), *City of Beaumont*
- **Innovation in Green Community Planning Award** – City of San Luis Obispo Climate Action Plan for Community Recovery, *City of San Luis Obispo*
- **Economic Planning and Development Award** – Impacts of Border Delays at California-Baja California Land Ports of Entry Study, *San Diego Association of Governments*
- **Transportation Planning Award** – Richmond Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan, *City of Richmond*
- **Best Practices Award** – City of San Jacinto Art in Public Places, *City of San Jacinto*
- **Public Outreach Award** – Santa Paula Youth Needs Assessment, *City of Santa Paula Parks & Recreation Department*
- **Urban Design Award** – Pismo Pier Plaza Revitalization, *RRM Design Group*
- **Planning Advocate Award** – John Jones III President and Co-Founder of East Side Riders Bike Club, *East Side Riders Bike Club*
- **Planning Agency Award** – City of Sacramento Planning Division, *City of Sacramento*
- **Advancing Diversity and Social Change in Honor of Paul Davidoff Award** – Dr. Destiny Thomas, *Thrivance Group, Thrivance Group*
- **Academic Award** – Community Priorities for the Alum Rock Avenue Corridor, *Department of Urban & Regional Planning, San Jose State University*

2021 APA California Awards Jury

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Thank you to everyone who submitted an application!

- **Hard-Won Victories Award** – City of Long Beach - Southeast Area Specific Plan, *City of Long Beach*

Awards of Merit

- **Opportunity and Empowerment Award** – The Town of Mammoth Lakes 2021 Parcel Master Plan, *Town of Mammoth Lakes Community and Economic Development Department*
- **Comprehensive Plan Award (Large)** – Northside Specific Plan, *Rick Engineering Company (RICK) Planning + Design Division*
- **Comprehensive Plan Award (Small)** – Kerman General Plan Update and Program EIR, *Mintier Harnish & Rincon Consultants, Inc.*
- **Innovation in Green Community Planning Award** – Significant Ecological Areas Ordinance Update, *Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning*
- **Economic Planning and Development Award** – City Heights Inclusive Economic Recovery and Resilience Agenda, *Pueblo Planning*
- **Transportation Planning Award** – Brea Connecting the Core Active Transportation Plan, *City of Brea*
- **Best Practices Award** – Mariposa County Recreation and Resiliency Plan, *Mariposa County Planning Department*
- **Grassroots Initiative Award** – Rebuilding our Downtown, a Community Led Initiative to Rebuild Santa Clara Downtown, *Reclaiming Our Downtown*
- **Public Outreach Award** – La Honda Public Access Working Group - Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, *Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District*
- **Urban Design Award** – The Balboa Reservoir Design Standards and Guidelines, *Van Meter Williams Pollack Architecture | Urban Design*
- **Planning Advocate Award** – City of San Diego Planning Department, *City of San Diego Planning Department*
- **Advancing Diversity and Social Change in Honor of Paul Davidoff Award** – City of Long Beach Racial Equity & Reconciliation Initiative, *City of Long Beach*
- **Academic Award** – Transit Blues in the Golden State: Analyzing Recent California Ridership Trends, *UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies*
- **Communications Initiative Award** – Transfers Magazine, *Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center*
- **Hard-Won Victories Award** – City of Half Moon Bay Local Coastal Land Use Plan Update, *City of Half Moon Bay*

Planning Pioneer Awards

- Martin Wachs, *UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies*
- Jack and Laura Dangermond, *Esri*