

# 2026 APA California Awards

## Academic

### Award of Merit

**Project:** *Lost Hours, Lost Opportunities: The Toll of Extreme Travel on Lower Income Communities in the San Fernando Valley*

**Recipient:** Alejandra Rios Gutierrez

### Award of Excellence

**Project:** *Building the Planning Pipeline - Long Beach City College Urban Planning Associate of Science Degree*

**Recipient:** Long Beach City College & Long Beach Community Design Center

## Grassroots Initiative

### Award of Excellence

**Project:** *Safe Travels in Nyeland Acres*

**Recipient:** Nyeland Promise

## Implementation

### Award of Merit

**Project:** *BCLT*

**Recipient:** Bakersfield Community Land Trust

### Award of Excellence

**Project:** *Los Angeles Legacy Business Program*

**Recipient:** City of Los Angeles Community Investment Department

## Resilience and Sustainability

### Award of Merit

**Project:** *Los Angeles County Heat Action Plan*

**Recipient:** Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office, Environmental Science Associates, AECOM, Paradigm

### Award of Excellence

**Project:** *Big Basin Redwoods State Park Facilities Management Plan*

**Recipient:** California State Parks

## Advancing Diversity and Social Change in Honor of Paul Davidoff

### Award of Merit

**Project:** *Zone In: City Core*

**Recipient:** City of Long Beach and Team

### Award of Excellence

**Project:** *Advancing Agricultural Land Equity in California*

**Recipient:** Recommendations of the California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

## Daniel Burnham Award for Comprehensive Plan

### Award of Merit

**Project:** *City of Bellflower Parks and Recreation Master Plan*

**Recipient:** City of Bellflower, KTUA Planning and Landscape Architecture

### Award of Excellence

**Project:** *Los Angeles New Zoning Code: A Dynamic, Digital-First Framework*

**Recipient:** City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning

## Planning Excellence

### Award of Merit

**Project:** *MEA Guidelines for Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources*

**Recipient:** City of Santa Barbara

### Award of Excellence

**Project:** *Family Zoning Plan*

**Recipient:** San Francisco Planning Department

## Transportation Planning

### Award of Merit

**Project:** *Freeway Ramp Active Mobility Enhancement Study*

**Recipient:** Caltrans District 12

### Award of Excellence

**Project:** *Cudahy Together: A Strategic Plan for a Thriving Community*

**Recipient:** City of Cudahy and Team

## Communications Initiative and Outreach

### Award of Excellence

**Project:** *Ride, Walk, & Roll, Orange County*

**Recipient:** Latino Health Access

## Planning Pioneer

James Rojas

## Planner Emeritus (PEN) Honor Awards

### Southern:

Margaret Moore Sohagi

Al Zelinka, FAICP, CMSM

John Keho, AICP

Anna Pehoushek, FAICP

### Northern:

Charles S. Bryant, AICP

Laurel Prevetti

## Distinguished Service Award

Michael P. Cass

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## Distinguished Contribution Award

Geoffrey Danker, AICP

## Section Activity Award

Central Coast Section



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