

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

Urban Design

Award of Merit

Project: *Olympus Park*

Recipient: City of Encinitas and RRM Design Group

Award of Excellence

Project: *Citywide Corridors Plan*

Recipient: City of Jurupa Valley

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 - APA California Northern

Distinguished Contribution Award

Geoffrey Danker, AICP

Section Activity Award

Central Coast Section