



Nomination Packet

2024 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards

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Deadline: April 1, 2024, 12 pm (via email)
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Introduction

The purpose of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards program is to encourage quality planning and development by recognizing outstanding achievements and practices in the built environment. In recognizing and celebrating projects that reflect the Blueprint Principles, we hope to provide visual examples of attractive, functional and environmentally friendly projects that could have relevance throughout the Valley.

Awards will be presented at the 17th Annual San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, to be held at the Visalia Convention Center.

Blueprint Principles

On April 1, 2009, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council adopted a list of 12 Smart Growth Principles (“Blueprint Principles”) to be used as the basis of Blueprint planning in the San Joaquin Valley:

1. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
2. Create walkable and bikeable neighborhoods
3. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
4. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
5. Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective
6. Promote a mix of land uses
7. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas
8. Provide a variety of transportation choices
9. Strengthen and direct development toward existing communities
10. Take advantage of compact building design
11. Enhance the economic vitality of the region
12. Support actions that encourage environmental resource management
13. Plan for future water needs

These principles are still relevant today and are consistent with current climate, social, environmental, transportation and housing goals on the state and federal level.

Award Categories

Only one first-place award (“Award of Excellence”) will be selected per category. One exceptionally ranking award finalist per category may also be selected to receive an award (“Award of Merit”). If the judges find that none of the nominations in a category meets the criteria, there may be no award in that category.

- A. **Development Project Categories** -on the ground, existing projects built from 2020 to present. One award per category below.
 - 1. Residential
 - 2. Commercial
 - 3. Mixed Use
 - 4. Downtown Revitalization
 - 5. Transportation Enhancement
 - 6. Historic Revitalization

- B. **Planning Project/Program Category.**
Recognition of exceptional planning projects or programs that are in place to encourage and allow for Blueprint friendly projects. Planning project/program within the past four years (2020 to present). Examples could include specific plans, transportation plans, downtown revitalization plans, corridor plans, environmental or sustainable on-the-ground programs, etc.

- C. **Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award Category**
This award is in memory of the former Blueprint project manager from Kern COG who was thoroughly engaged in the planning process. The fruits of his labor are still with us today as we move the Blueprint from the planning to the implementation phase. Darrel is remembered for his attention to detail and his insistence that the planning principles were the centerpiece of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process.

- D. **Jenny Kenoyer Outstanding Local Elected Official**
This award is named after Jenny Kenoyer, former Modesto City Councilmember and Regional Policy Council member who was the first recipient of the award in 2022. Jenny exhibited true leadership and devotion to local *and* regional issues. The award will be given to a local (city or county) elected official who has shown tremendous leadership and advocacy for promoting local and regional efforts that support the Blueprint Principles.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants are required to meet all the following criteria.

- Nominations are open to candidate projects and individuals within the San Joaquin Valley's eight counties: Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin.
- The development project is an on-the-ground, existing project built within the past six years. Projects built/completed prior to January 2020 will not be considered.
- The planning project/program or individual reflects the Blueprint Principles, and the nominator demonstrates strong rationale.
- Planning project or program that has been adopted by its jurisdiction, or implemented, within the past four years.
- The project or individual is not a previous Blueprint Award recipient (please see a list of previous Blueprint Award recipients, pages 6-8).
- Applicants can be jurisdictions, other governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, collaborative efforts, and private entities.

Nomination Submittal Requirements

1. Nomination Form: Completed Blueprint Awards Nomination Form.
2. Summary Description: One-page summary of the nominated award candidate.
3. Award Criteria: one to two-page explanation of how the candidate specifically reflects at least two of the Blueprint Principles listed in the packet.
4. Letter(s) of Support: At least one, but no more than three, one page letter(s) of support for the nominated project/candidate.
5. Images: 3 to 5 high quality digital images in JPG format. Include a brief description for each image.

Please note:

- All submissions must strictly follow the material requirements outlined below and on the Blueprint Awards Nomination Form.
- Do not submit paper copies.
- Incomplete submissions or late submittals will not be accepted.
- Only one submission per award category.

Submittal

Nominations must be received by Noon (12pm) on Monday, April 1, 2024, via email only. Zip up and put in one folder please if possible.

Email completed nomination package to:

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Policy Conference Consultant
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Selection Process and Schedule

Judging: Nominations will be provided to a panel of judges consisting of staff from the Central California Chapter of the American Planning Association, and staff from the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies. The agencies are listed on the cover of this document.

Schedule:

January, 9, 2024	Begin Call for Nominations
April 1, 2024	Nomination Deadline, 12 noon
April 10, 2024	Judging Completed
April 12, 2024	Awards Announcement
May 1, 2024	SJV Policy Conference Awards Ceremony

Questions

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San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Past Recipients 2009-2023

CATEGORY	RECIPIENT
2023	
Residential Development Project (excellence)	Victory Gardens, Stockton. SJ Housing Authority
(merit)	Sugar Pine Village, Madera. Self Help Enterprises
Commercial Development	Merced County Castle Development, Merced County
Transportation Enhancement Project	Griggs Neighborhood Improvement Project, Dinuba
Planning Project	Accessory Dwelling Unit Program, Kerman
Downtown Revitalization	Stone Plaza, City of Kingsburg
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	Benjamin Kimball, Deputy Director TCAG
Outstanding Local Elected Official	Supervisor Robert Poythress, Madera County
2022	
Residential Development Project	Sequoia Commons, Self-Help Enterprises
Transportation Enhancement Project	The "Q", City of Fresno FAX Rapid Transit
Planning Project	City of Kerman's 2040 General Plan & EIR
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	Ted Smalley, Executive Director, TCAG
Outstanding Local Elected Official	Jenny Kenoyer, Council Member, City of Modesto
2019	
Mixed Use Project	Tesoro Viejo -The McCaffrey Group, Madera County
Residential Development Project	Sierra Village - Self-Help Enterprises, City of Dinuba
	Anchor Village -Domus Development LLC, City of Stockton
Transportation Enhancement Project	Palm Terrace - Self-Help Enterprises, City of Lindsay
	Operations & Maintenance Facility - Transit Joint Powers Authority of Merced County
Downtown Revitalization Project	City of Woodlake Staff and Council
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	Bill Zigler, City of Lindsay
2018	
Downtown Revitalization Project	UC Merced
	Cottage Home Program, City of Clovis
Residential Development	Magnolia Crossing, Innovative Development and Living Solutions of California
2017	
Commercial Development Project	Dry Creek Business Park Phase II, Clovis
Residential Development Project	Highland Gardens Affordable Rental Project, Self-Help Enterprises
Downtown Revitalization-Small Jurisdiction	Rio Villas (Firebaugh, CA), Fresno Housing Authority
Downtown Revitalization-Large Jurisdiction	"The Lede" Project, Granville Homes, Inc.
Historic Revitalization Project	The Belding Building, Ten Space
Transportation Enhancement Project	Multi-Phased Downtown Enhancement Project, City of Woodlake
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	Darius Assemi, Granville Homes, Inc.
2015	
Mixed Use Project	1612 City Lofts, Bakersfield

Residential Project	Avena Bella, Turlock
Downtown Revitalization Project	Brio on Broadway, Fresno
	The Newberry Building, Stockton
Transportation Enhancement Project	Dry Creek Trailhead, Clovis
	Bradley Overhead - Highway 140, Merced
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	San Joaquin Sustainable Communities Coalition, San Joaquin County
2014	
Commercial Development	M Streets Arts Complex, Fresno
Mixed Use Project	Goshen Park Village, Goshen
	Lemoore Recreation Center, Lemoore
Downtown Revitalization Project	Crichton Place, Fresno
	Downtown Beautification Project, Waterford
Historic Revitalization Project	Bungalow Court, Fresno
Transportation Enhancement Project	Whitney Transit Center, Woodlake
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
2013	
Residential Development Project	Mustang Peak Village, Newman
	Parc Grove Commons, Fresno
Mixed Use Project	1612 Fulton, Fresno
Downtown Revitalization Project	Commercial Building Façade Improvement & Blight Remediation Project, Stockton
Historic Revitalization Project	Downtown Stockton Alliance, Stockton
Transportation Enhancement Project	Manteca Transit Center, Manteca Hammer
	Triangle Station, Stockton
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	John Wright, Valley Planner's Network
2012	
Residential Development Project	330 North Van Ness Cottages, Fresno
	Tule Vista Rent to Own Housing, Tulare
Mixed Use Project	Baker Street, Bakersfield
Commercial Development Project	Main Street Promenade, Visalia
Downtown Revitalization Project	Downtown Revitalization, Tracy
	Arts Alive District, Bakersfield
Historic Revitalization Project	Merced Theatre, Merced
Transportation Enhancement Project	Lowell Community Garden, Fresno
	Santa Fe Bridge Project, Visalia
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	Bill Spriggs, SJV Regional Policy Council
2011	
Public Infrastructure Project	Mill Creek, Bakersfield
	Downtown Plaza, Newman
	Street Improvements, Avenal
Mixed Use Project	Fulton Village, Fresno
	Fulton Complex, Fresno

Transportation Enhancement Project	Downtown Transit Center, Stockton
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	Carol Ornelas, Visionary Home Builders
2010	
Residential Development Project	Villa Monterey Apartments, Stockton
Mixed Use Project	Wagner Woods, Ripon
Downtown Revitalization Project	Downtown Revitalization, Riverbank
Historic Revitalization Project	Theater Restoration Project, Avenal
Revitalization – Unincorporated Area	Revitalization Project, Woodbridge
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award	Lew Nelson, City of Tulare Public Works
2010	
Community Plan – Unincorporated Community	Hilmar Community Plan, Merced County
Master Planned Community	Harlan Ranch, Clovis
General Plan- Small Jurisdiction	General Plan, Porterville
Community Plan – Unincorporated Community	General Plan – 4 Community Plans, Kings County
General Plan – Small Jurisdiction	General Plan, Tracy
Master Planned Community	Copper River Ranch, Fresno
Sustainable Development Policies	General Plan – Land Use and Resource Conservation Elements, Kings County

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Nomination Form

Nominations for the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards are due: **Noon, Monday, April 1, 2024.**
Materials received after this date will not be accepted and will not be returned.

I nominate _____

for a 2024 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards in the category (check one):

Development Project

- Residential
- Commercial
- Mixed Use
- Downtown Revitalization
- Transportation Enhancement
- Historic Revitalization

Planning Project/Program Award Category

Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award Category

Jenny Kenoyer Outstanding Local Elected Official

NOMINATION INFORMATION

It is imperative that the following documentation is provided in full.

A. Nominator.

The Nominator will be considered the primary communications contact for all decisions made on this nomination and will work with Blueprint Awards program staff to obtain additional information and materials.

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____

B. Primary Award Recipient.

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____

C. Recognition. Primary organization to be listed on trophy/plaque if chosen as winner:

Optional. Other supporting organization(s) that worked on the project and that are to be recognized at the Blueprint Awards Ceremony:

D. Acknowledgement of Nominator/Award Recipient

I acknowledge that the submitted work was done by the parties credited in this Blueprint Awards Application Form, and that the work meets the appropriate nomination submittal requirements listed in the instructions.

Signature of Nominator _____

Printed Name of Nominator _____