



Sunnyvale

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## **SUNNYVALE NAMES 2024 COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS**

### ***Recipients to be honored at Sept. 21 State of the City celebration***

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – The City of Sunnyvale has announced the winners of the annual Community Awards program. The Mayor and Councilmembers will honor them at the City’s State of the City celebration on Saturday, Sept. 21. This year’s awardees are:

- Contribution to the Arts – Nitya Narasimhan (founder and artistic director of Prayukti Arts)
- High School Student of the Year – Rohan Mittal (Saint Francis High School)
- Businessperson/Business of the Year – Leigh Odum (Leigh's Favorite Books/Bookasaurus)
- Educator of the Year – Aisha Lomando (Fremont High School)
- Environmental Achievement – Community for Natural Play Surfaces
- Volunteer of the Year – Cortney Jansen (Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association)
- Distinguished Resident – Mark Kato (Sunnyvale Sister City Association)

The City accepts award nominations from the community year-round. A panel of former Community Award recipients and current board and commission members selects the winners. Mayor Larry Klein will present the special Mayor’s Awards of Excellence at the State of the City celebration. By tradition, these award winners are not named until the ceremony.

Sunnyvale’s State of the City celebration will take place from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 at City Hall (456 W. Olive Ave.). The Mayor will deliver his State of the City address at approximately 9:30 a.m. followed by recognition of Board and Commission members and the Community Awards presentations. All community members are invited to attend this free event. Activities include a public art dedication and community organization fair. Visit [Sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://Sunnyvale.ca.gov) for [event details](#) and [Community Award information](#).

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