

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 19, 2019
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: City Council Subcommittee: Vice Mayor Neysa Hinton; Councilmember Sarah Gurney; Public Works Superintendent, Dante Del Prete; Alternate: City Manager McLaughlin
Responsible Department: Public Works Department
Subject: Approval of the Subcommittee Recommendation of the Locals Who Make a Difference (LWMAD) Recognition Program Honoree
Recommendation: That the City Council approve the LWMAD Subcommittee's recommendation to announce and recognize the succeeding honoree of the Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program.
Funding: Currently Budgeted: X Yes No N/A
Net General Fund Cost: \$6,369 2018/19 Funding Source: 124-4103-4330

INTRODUCTION:

This item is to request that the City Council approve the LWMAD Subcommittee's recommendation to announce and recognize the succeeding honoree of the Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program was created to acknowledge and thank members of the Sebastopol community for their contributions in helping to make Sebastopol a better place to live. Honorees are announced and recognized with banners lining Sebastopol's Main Street and Downtown Plaza, a proclamation by the City Council, and on the City website. There are three honorees each year, with each honoree being featured for approximately four months.

DISCUSSION:

On March 7, 2019, the LWMAD Subcommittee met and reviewed the nomination applications for the next Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program Honoree.

The year-to-date nominees are as follows:

Gayle Bergmann	Emily Cline	Carson Pforsich (First LWMAD Honoree)
Tashi Dhargyal	JP Merlaud and Jim Brown	Meg Mizutani (Second LWMAD Honoree)
Mari Stusser	Mariah Volk	Roger and Linda Collins (Third LWMAD Honoree)
Evan Wiig	Pat Schoch	

Pending approval by the City Council, it is the LWMAD Subcommittee's recommendation that **Pat Schoch** be announced and recognized as the next City of Sebastopol Locals Who Make a Difference Honoree.

Pat Schoch currently volunteers at Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Sutter Hospice Thrift Store, Sebastopol United Methodist Church, Interfaith Church Pantry and Coastwalk.

Here are a few testimonials on behalf of **Pat Schoch**:

“Pat has been a member of the Sebastopol community since 1962, and has loved this friendly town, which she considers, and no one would argue, one of the most beautiful places in the world.”

Pat works at Sebastopol Center for the Arts, “where she currently volunteers once a week as a gallery assistant. Also, she is a member of SCA’s Performing Arts committee. In that position you might see her taking tickets for a performance, or in her behind-the-scenes role of securing musicians to play on SCA’s stage.”

“Pat is filled with a positive energy, integrity and the genuine support she gives everyone, not only at SCA, but the town of Sebastopol, and Sonoma County as well.”

“Pat has always been someone I hoped to emulate. She is kind, active, thoughtful and involved” . . . and “a committed member of our community.”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the LWMAD Subcommittee’s recommendation to announce and recognize **Pat Schoch** as the succeeding honoree of the Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None