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### ***Downtown San Diego Partnership Hosts 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Alonzo Awards***

*Partnership honors the past and celebrates the future of Downtown during annual event*

The Downtown San Diego Partnership's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Alonzo Awards brought together nearly 800 people to recognize the people, projects, and programs that have shaped the present and will create the future of our urban community.

"Celebrating the winners of this year's Alonzo Awards makes my departure from the Partnership bittersweet," said Kris Michell, President and CEO of the Downtown Partnership. "I am so proud of the people, organizations, and companies who have worked resolutely over the years to grow and support our Downtown community. I have the utmost confidence in the future of the urban core and in the continued success of the Partnership."

The event, hosted at the Manchester Grand Hyatt and sponsored by Clark Construction, honored the following winners:

- UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla and Dean Mary L. Walshok of UC San Diego Extension received the inaugural **Create the Future Award**, sponsored by SDG&E, in recognition of their efforts to establish a university presence in our urban core.
- The **Vic Kops Humanitarian Award**, made possible by U.S. Bank, was given to Veterans Village of San Diego, and accepted by President and CEO Kimberly Mitchell, for serving those who have served our country.
- San Diego Gas & Electric was awarded the **Sustainable Business Practices Award**, sponsored by Republic Services, for their commitment to innovative ideas and renewable resources.
- Ace Parking received the **Build Your Business Alonzo Award**, sponsored by Holland Partner Group, to honor the company's seven-decade history as a respected member of our community.
- The **Made to Move Alonzo Award**, co-sponsored by Bollert Lebeau and Gensler, was presented to Atkinson/Clark: A Joint Venture for their efforts to expand the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry.
- Pendry San Diego and developer Robert Green received the **Create the Vibe Alonzo Award**, sponsored by EMMES Realty, for enhancing Downtown's vibrant urban atmosphere.
- The **Make Your Place Alonzo Award** was given to IDEA1, and sponsored by Carrier Johnson + CULTURE, for building an inspiring place for living, creating, and learning together in Downtown San Diego.
- Sponsored by Manpower San Diego, the **Volunteer of the Year Award** recognized Jim and Mary Dawe for their devotion to our urban community over the years.
- Bob White received this year's **Founders Award**, sponsored by California Strategies, for his dedication and unwavering service to Downtown San Diego, and the entire region, for more than fifty years.

Please click [here](#) to watch the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Alonzo Award videos.

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*The Downtown San Diego Partnership is a member-based, nonprofit organization representing more than 11,000 property owners and 400 businesses. For more information, visit: [www.downtownsandiego.org](http://www.downtownsandiego.org).*