

## PRESS RELEASE

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### ***Downtown San Diego Partnership Hosts 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Alonzo Awards*** *Partnership celebrates the very best of Downtown during annual event*

The Downtown San Diego Partnership's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Alonzo Awards brought together hundreds of people to honor the people, projects, and programs that have shaped the present and will create the future of our urban community.

The event, hosted at the Grand Hyatt and sponsored by Stockdale Capital Partners, honored the following winners:

- The **Vic Kops Humanitarian Award**, made possible by U.S. Bank, was given to Bob McElroy, President & CEO of the Alpha Project, for three decades of service to those in need in San Diego.
- Block D Makers Quarter was awarded the **Sustainable Business Practices Award**, sponsored by Republic Services, for creating a functionally flexible and environmentally efficient office space in East Village.
- Shield A.I. received the **Build Your Business Alonzo Award**, sponsored by Holland Partner Group, for growing a business in Downtown San Diego that is protecting our service members and changing the technology of tomorrow.
- The **Made to Move Alonzo Award**, co-sponsored by Bollert Lebeau and Gensler, was presented to Bird, Lime, Ofo, and Razor for transforming the urban transportation industry with dockless bikes and scooters.
- H.G. Fenton Company received the **Create the Vibe Alonzo Award**, sponsored by EMMES Realty, for developing the Piazza della Famiglia – a bright, inviting, 10,000 square foot European-style gathering space in the heart of Little Italy.
- The **Make Your Place Alonzo Award**, sponsored by Carrier Johnson + CULTURE, was given to Punch Bowl Social, HP Investors, and Flocke & Avoyer for bringing to life an “eatertainment” hub at the site of the former Coliseum Athletic Club.
- Sponsored by PCL Construction, the **Innovation Alonzo Award** went to Shift Apartments and LMC – A Lennar Company for creating a smart, bold, LEED Gold certified building in East Village.
- The **Volunteer of the Year Award**, sponsored by TSA Construction, recognized Bill Geppert for his dedicated service to the Challenged Athletes Foundation and so many other San Diego organizations and nonprofits.
- Peter Seidler and Dan Shea received this year's **Founders Award**, sponsored by the Cubic Corporation, for their advocacy and efforts to improve the lives of thousands of homeless individuals.

Please click [here](#) to watch the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Alonzo Award videos (available at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2018).

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*The Downtown San Diego Partnership is a membership organization that supports development, stimulates business and economic growth, and advocates for improvements that enhance Downtown San Diego's quality of life. We are proud to serve nearly 400 members and 11,000 property owners in San Diego's urban core.*