

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Founders Award

Presented in recognition of career-spanning visionary leadership to better Downtown San Diego.

2008	Michael Johnson and Gordon Carrier
2009	Comic-Con International
2010	James Dawe
2011	Fred Maas
2012	Joan & Irwin Jacobs
2012	Jerry Navarra & Rob Lankford, East Village
2013	Nat Bosa
2014	County Supervisor Ron Roberts, the County Waterfront Park
2015	Sempra Energy Management Team
2016	Sherman D. Harmer, Jr.
2017	Bob White
2018	Dan Shea & Peter Seidler
2019	Brad Richter
2021	Perry Dealy
2022	Mary L. Walshok, PhD
2023	Laurie Black
2024	Malin Burnham

Vic Kops Humanitarian Award

The award is presented to an individual or organization in recognition of humanitarian efforts that have enriched and improved our urban center.

2008	San Diego Meical Services Enterprise
2010	St. Vincent De Paul Village
2011	County of San Diego, Supervisor Ron Robers and Supervisor Greg Cox
2012	IPS Group
2013	Cox Communications
2014	San Diego Police Department, Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
2015	Cox Communications, Father Joe's Villages, Loving Spoonfuls, Inc., and The Rock Church
2016	Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, City of San Diego and Chairman Ron Roberts, San Diego County Board of Supervisors
2017	Veterans Village of San Diego
2018	Bob McElroy
2019	San Diego Housing Commission, Sharp HealthCare, Bank of America
2021	Serving Seniors

2022	San Diego Convention Center
2023	Third Avenue Charitable Organization
2024	Peter Seidler
Sustainable Business Practices Award	
<i>Presented in recognition of a company, individual, building, or program that has gone above and beyond local, state and federal regulations in creating best practices in sustainability.</i>	
2009	Green Initiative for PETCO Park, PETCO PARK & San Diego Padres
2010	San Diego Convention Center Corporation
2011	San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
2012	Car2Go
2012	Navy Region Southwest
2013	Unified Port of San Diego
2014	Irvine Company Office Properties
2015	Celadon at 9th & Broadway, BRIDGE Housing
2016	San Diego Padres Baseball Club
2017	San Diego Gas & Electric
2018	Block D Makers Quarter
2019	Luma - LMC, A Lennar Company
Create The Future Award	
<i>The award is presented in recognition of efforts that have or will enhance Downtown's unique live, work, play environment and continue to enhance our urban core.</i>	
2016	(DT on the Rise) The new San Diego Central Courthouse - Rudolph & Sletten, Inc.
2017	UC San Diego, Chancellor Khosla, Dean Walshok
2021	RaDD, a District by IQHQ
2022	Park and Market Mixed-Use Development
2023	GENESIS San Diego
2024	Gaslamp Promenade on 5th
Build Your Business Award	
<i>Presented in recognition of a company or individual who has worked to ensure that Downtown is a vibrant and dynamic economic center.</i>	
2014	EMMES
2015	Sempra Energy Headquarters Building, Cisterra Development
2016	The San Diegu Union-Tribune
2017	Ace Parking
2018	Shield AI
2019	Measurabl
Made to Move Award	
<i>Presented in recognition of a company or organization that has helped make it easier to get to and around Downtown.</i>	
2014	Uber San Diego

2015	San Diego Country Regional Airport Authority, Thella Bowers
2016	FRED San Diego, City of San Diego, Civic San Diego, and The Free Ride, Inc.
2017	Atkinson/Clark a Joint Venture, San Ysidro Land Port of Entry
2018	Bird, Lime, Ofo, Razor
2019	Senate President Pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins
Create the Vibe Award	
2014	SILo in Makers Quarter, Stacey Lankford Pennington
2015	Pinnacle on the Park, Pinnacle International
2016	Horton Plaza Park, City of San Diego, Civic San Diego and Westfield, LLC
2017	Pendry San Diego, Robert Green Company
2018	Piazza della Famiglia H.G. Fenton
2019	Theatre Box San Diego, Aster Construction Services
Make Your Place Award	
<i>Presented in recognition of efforts that provide world-class amenities to people who live, work, and visit Downtown San Diego.</i>	
2014	FORM15, Holland Parnter Group
2015	Urban Discovery Academy, MaeLin Levine
2016	Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina
2017	IDEA1
2018	Punch Bowl Social
2019	The Guild Hotel
Volunteer of the Year Award	
<i>The award is presented to an individual who has gone above and beyond in their volunteer service to benefit our Downtown, its neighborhoods, and its residents.</i>	
2013	Bill Sauls
2014	Gary Smith and Joyce Summer
2015	David Hazan
2016	Mike Madigan
2017	Jim & Mary Dawe
2018	Bill Geppert
2019	Stephen P. Cushman
2021	Beth Callender & Pete Garcia
2022	Joe Ciavarella and the Friends of Tweet Street Park
Innovation Award	
<i>The award is presented to a company, individual, or program that has gone above and beyond to foster innovation that will enhance Downtown San Diego.</i>	
2015	Fab Lab, Katie Rast
2016	Solar Turbines
2017	N/A
2018	Shift & LMC, A Lennar Company

2019	Startup San Diego
2021	Trust & Will
Downtown Champion Government Partner of the Year Award	
<i>The award is presented to an individual from a city, county, state, or other government partner in recognition of their work to ensure Downtown is a vibrant and dynamic economic center.</i>	
2021	Elizabeth MalandCity Clerk, City of San Diego
2022	Christina Bibler, Director, Economic Development, City of San Diego
2023	City of San Diego Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, District 3
2024	Sarah Jarman, Director, Department of Homelessness Strategies & Solutions
Downtown Champion Small Business of the Year Award	
<i>The award is presented to a small business that has gone above and beyond in their commitment to the Downtown community over the past year, representing the growth, vibrancy and diversity of our Downtown.</i>	
2021	Pandemic Pizza
2022	Old Gallery Coffee House & Swami's Café Downtown
2023	Good Earth Plant Company
2024	Hey Sugar!
Grow Urban Award	
<i>The award is presented to an organization that is leading by example in commitment to environmental excellence, initiatives that support sustainability, or adding green spaces in Downtown San Diego.</i>	
2021	e3 Civic High School Urban Agriculture Program
2022	2100 Kettner, Kilroy Realty Corporation
2023	Circuit
2024	Campus at Horton
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award	
<i>The award is presented to a company or organization in recognition of their active steps to build a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable climate within their organization and/or community.</i>	
2021	San Diego Gas & ElectricSupplier Diversity Program
2022	David's Harp Foundation
2023	San Diego Tourism Authority DEI Tourism Accelerator
2024	San Diego Chinese Historical Museum
COVID-19 Response Collaboration of the Year Award	
<i>The award is presented in recognition of two or more individuals or organizations who worked collaboratively to provide a helping hand to Downtown in response to COVID-19.</i>	

2021	UC San Diego Health Petco Park Vaccination Super Station A collaboration between UC San Diego Health, the San Diego Padres, ACE Parking, the County of San Diego, and the City of San
Government Elected Official of the Year Award	
2022	Chair, Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors, San Diego County, District 4
Cultural Vitality Award	
2022	The San Diego Symphony's Rady Shell at Jacobs Park
2023	San Diego Bowl Game Association & Sports San Diego
2024	Children's Park
Economic Prosperity Award	
2022	Seaport Village Revitalization, Port of San Diego Protea Properties SLP Urban Planning
Alonzo Award	
2008	Balboa Theater, PCL Construction
2008	The Children's Museum
2008	East Village Tavern and Bowl
2008	Port of San Diego
2008	Robert Horsman, San Diego National Bank
2009	Cortez Hill Park "Tweet Street", Centre City Development Corporation
2009	Studio 15, Affirmed Housing Group
2009	Historical Renovation of The Showley Brothers Candy Factory & The Schiefer & Sons Building, East Village Square LLC
2009	Phelps Developemnt, LLC / Hensel Phelps Construction Company
2009	San Diego International Auto Show, New Car Dealers Association
2010	Channel 4 San Diego
2010	Procopio Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP
2010	San Diego Public Library Foundation
2010	Ten Fifty B Street
2010	San Diego Chargers, 50th Anniversary Block Party
2011	USS Midway Museum

2011	Thomas Jefferson School of Law
2011	North Embarcadero Visionary Plan
2012	Westin Gaslamp Quarter, San Diego
2012	McClintock Warehouse Lofts
2012	Civic San Diego
2013	Fox Sports San Diego
2013	Courtyard by Marriott San Diego Downtown
2013	Zeeto Media
2013	San Diego City College
2013	San Diego Padres
2013	Rob Wellington Quigley, Arturo M. Castro and Turner Construction Company
2013	Jeff Graham
Alonzo Award of Excellence	
2009	County Supervisor Greg Cox
2010	California State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher
Distinguished Alonzo Award	
2009	Supervisor Greg Cox, San Diego County Board of Supervisors
2010	San Diego Symphony
San Diego/Downtown Hero Award	
2013	Mayor Todd Gloria
2014	City of San Diego
President's Award	
2008	Richard Bach, Turner Construction Company
2009	Council President Pro Tem Kevin L. Faulconer
2010	Sheri Snead
2011	Irvine Company, EvoNexus
2013	Duane J. Roth
Chairman's Award	
2008	Fred Maas
2009	Harold G. Sadler (Hal)
2010	Robin Munro Madaffer
2011	Mayor Jerry Sanders
2012	Ron Fowler
2013	Dene Oliver