



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

Colleagues Memo

TO: Mayor and Members of the Town Council

FROM: Councilmember Sarah Wernikoff

DATE: January 11, 2023

RE: Lifetime Achievement Award

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Town establish a lifetime achievement award that would recognize the cumulative civic engagement and leadership of longstanding volunteers in the Town of Portola Valley to be awarded based on a nominating process and clear criteria for recipients.

Proposed Criteria:

- Twenty years or more of distinguished service to the Town including on a committee, a commission and/or on the Town Council, and within other local Portola Valley organizations (i.e. Portola Valley School District, MidPeninsula Regional Open Space, Friends of the Library, The Sequoias, etc.).
- Represent the character of the quintessential Portola Valley volunteer in terms of dedication and commitment to town values, vision, and civility.
- Continued and significant contributions that have benefitted the Town of Portola Valley and its community in both formal and informal ways.

Proposed Nominating and Award Selection Process:

- Nomination can occur at any time on an ad hoc basis (vs. annually).
- Nomination must include a nomination letter, the resume of the nominee (or list of contributions), and up to 5 supporting letters of recommendation.
- Nominees to be evaluated and recommended by a subgroup of the Council.