

# Chula Vista CLEAN Sustainability Champion Awards 2019



*City of Chula Vista  
Sustainability Commission*



# Recognizes local environmental leadership

- Recipients nominated by the public and staff
- 2019 Award Categories
  - Resident
  - Business
  - Organization
  - Youth
  - Employee
  - Teacher
  - Community Contributor



# Resident: Carolyn Scofield

- Lead organizer for Chula Vista Partners in Courage, a nonpartisan grassroots group - promotes common values of human rights, political accountability and environmental justice
- Informed and active residents are needed to accomplish the task of reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by influencing family, friends and elected officials
- Focus has been on educating residents on Community Choice Energy so that they can make informed choices when the feasibility study is completed



# ***Honorable Mention***

**Resident:  
Rita McIntyre**



# Business :

# San Diego Urban Timber

- Utilizes fallen trees as resources as more species succumb to a changing climate – transform it into utilitarian artwork
- Rescues 78 tons of timber per year from landfill disposal
- Has had a net environmental offset of 25.83 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions



# Organization: Community Through Hope

- Provides fruits, vegetables, proteins and grains through adopted nutrition policies to clients and other local food pantries through rescue opportunities
- 2018 - rescued and distributed over 90,000 lbs. of food throughout the South Bay
- Runs a mid-size nutrition bank to support local food pantries the South Bay Area of San Diego County and facilitates a free Mobile Farmer's Market Nutrition Distribution



# ***Honorable Mention***

**Organization:  
South Bay Salt Works**



# Youth:

## Aaron Masikip

- Volunteer at the Living Coast Discovery Center, currently working as a Sustainability intern focusing on importance of diverting organic waste from landfills, composting organic material and striving to cut down on waste to get closer to a zero waste lifestyle.
- Vice President of Eco Club at Olympian High School
- He leads by example and brings his reusable bottles and utensils with him at school





# ***Honorable Mention***

**Youth:**

**Kate Anchondo**

**Rachal Hamilton**

**Kristian Rosas**

**Arlene Martinez**



# Employee:

## Steve Knapp, Public Works Dept.

- City's Fleet Manager, researches the needs of departments for appropriate vehicles
- As part of the City's Green Team, instrumental in reaching goals in the City Operations Sustainability Plan
- In 2018, initiated the City's first electric vehicle (EV) fleet purchase, 15 Evs
- Recent second EV purchase of 26 EVs/plug-in hybrids was part of the Climate Mayors purchasing cooperative



# Teacher: Megan Willis

- An architect, a teacher at High Tech High Chula Vista and the Co-founder of The ReVision Project
- Her students learn about human centered design processes dedicating class time to projects in Chula Vista
- She has a vision of improving Chula Vista offering services free of charge to Chula Vista small business and non-profit corporations.



# ***Honorable Mention:***

**Teacher:**

**Kelly Leon** - Bonita Vista  
High School



# Community Contributor: Edilberto “Papa Ed” Samala

- Dedicated 52yrs of his life to food recovery & service
- Co-founder of Life Acts, a community outreach program of Life Christian Center International Ministries of San Diego
- Under his leadership, Life Acts feeds over 4,000+ people a month
- Over the years, he has recovered almost 15 million pounds of food that could've been wasted by businesses, farms, restaurants and homes



# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

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