



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Community Recognition Commission Recommendations for 2026 Ruhkala Awards

Date: March 24, 2026

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Department: City Manager's Office

Recommendation:

Approve the Community Recognition Commission's recommendations for the 2026 Ruhkala Awards.

Background:

At the February 18, 2026 Community Recognition Commission meeting, the Commission recommended the following individuals to be honored with a Ruhkala Community Service Award:

- Greg Roberson - Individual
- David Tietz - Individual
- Samuel Wang - Youth
- RRUFF Healing Heroes - Business/Group/Service Organization
- Susan Brooking - Pioneer
- Franklin Burris - Pioneer

The detailed nomination submissions for each recommended recipient are included as Attachment 1. If approved by City Council, the award recipients will be honored at a future City Council meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no additional fiscal impact for the approval of the Ruhkala Award honorees. Expenses for the Ruhkala Award ceremony are included in the City Manager's Office budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

[1. Ruhkala Award Recommendations](#)