



Nomination Packet

2017 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards

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Deadline: February 3, 2017, Noon

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards program is to encourage quality in planning and development by recognizing outstanding achievements and practices in the built environment. In recognizing and celebrating projects that reflect the Blueprint Principles, we hope to provide visual examples of attractive, functional and environmentally friendly projects that could have relevance throughout the Valley.

Awards will be presented at the 12th Annual San Joaquin Valley Spring Policy Conference in a luncheon ceremony on March 9, 2017, to be held at the Falls Event Center in Fresno.

HISTORY OF BLUEPRINT

On April 1, 2009, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council adopted a list of 12 Smart Growth Principles ("Blueprint Principles") to be used as the basis of Blueprint planning in the San Joaquin Valley. For more information, please visit www.valleyblueprint.org.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to meet all of the following criteria.

- Nominations are open to candidate projects and individuals within the San Joaquin Valley's eight counties: Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin.
- The Project is an on-the-ground, existing project built within the past 5 years. Projects built prior to January 2012 will not be considered.
- The Project or Individual reflects the Blueprint Principles, and the Nominator demonstrates strong rationale.
- **The Project or Individual is not a previous Blueprint Award recipient*.**
For a list of previous Blueprint Award recipients, please visit www.valleyblueprint.org.

III. AWARD CATEGORIES

Only one first-place award (“Award of Excellence”) will be selected per category. One exceptionally ranking award finalist per category may also be selected to receive an award (“Award of Merit”). If the jury finds that none of the nominations in a particular category meets the criteria, there may be no award in that category.

A. Sustainable Development Project Categories

On the ground, existing projects built within the past 5 years (2012- Present):

1. Residential Development
2. Commercial Development
3. Mixed Use
4. Downtown Revitalization
5. Transportation Enhancement
6. Historic Revitalization

B. Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award Category

This award is in memory of the former Blueprint project manager from Kern COG who was thoroughly engaged in the planning process. The fruits of his labor are still with us today as we move the Blueprint from the planning to the implementation phase. Darrel is remembered for his attention to detail and his insistence that the planning principles were the centerpiece of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process.

IV. AWARD CRITERIA

A. Sustainable Development Project Categories

How does the project reflect the following Blueprint Principles?

1. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
2. Create walkable neighborhoods
3. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
4. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
5. Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective
6. Mix of land uses
7. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas
8. Provide a variety of transportation choices
9. Strengthen and direct development toward existing communities
10. Take advantage of compact building design
11. Enhance the economic vitality of the region
12. Support actions that encourage environmental resource management

B. Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

Candidates for the Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award have demonstrated enthusiasm and tenacity in promoting the Blueprint Principles.

V. NOMINATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Submittal Requirements

- All submissions must strictly follow the material requirements outlined below and on the Blueprint Awards Nomination Form.
- Do not submit paper copies.
- Incomplete submissions received before the deadline may be returned and resubmitted before the deadline at the discretion of the Community and Regional Planning Center Program Manager.
- Only one submission per award category.

Please create one ZIPFOLDER with separate subfolders for each of the following five items.

1. NOMINATION FORM

Completed Blueprint Awards Nomination Form

2. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

One-page summary of the nominated award candidate

3. AWARD CRITERIA

1-2 -page explanation of how the candidate specifically reflects the criteria listed in item IV

4. LETTER(S) OF SUPPORT

- At least 1, but no more than 5, one-page letter(s) of support for the nominated project/candidate
- Must be from someone familiar with the project/candidate, but other than the Nominator and/or staff/consultant

5. IMAGES

- 10 digital images in JPG format
- No PowerPoint presentations
- Images should be representative of the nomination
- Include a brief description identifying each image

B. Submittal

Nominations must be received by **Noon on Friday, February 3, 2017.**

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VI. SELECTION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

A. Jury Panel

A jury shall be appointed to judge the entries. The decision of the majority of the jury shall be final. The jury will be comprised of representatives from the following partner organizations:

- American Planning Association California - Central Section
- Association of Environmental Professionals – Central Chapter
- San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council
- Urban and Regional Transformation Cohort, Fresno State
- San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative
- California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
- Valley Planner’s Network
- American Institute of Architects, San Joaquin
- Building Industry Association of Fresno and Madera Counties

B. Schedule

November 17	Begin Call for Nominations
February 3	Nomination Deadline: Noon
February 17	Judging Completed
February 21	Awards Announcement
March 9	Spring Policy Conference Awards Luncheon

VII. QUESTIONS

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Nominations for the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards are due: **Noon, Friday, February 3, 2017.**
Materials received after this date will not be accepted and will not be returned.

I nominate _____
for a 2017 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards in the category:

NOMINATION INFORMATION

It is imperative that all of the following documentation is provided in full.

A. Nominator.

The Nominator will be considered the primary communications contact for all decisions made on this nomination and will work with Blueprint Awards program staff to obtain additional information and materials.

Name _____
Organization _____
Title _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

B. Primary Award Recipient.

Name _____
Organization _____
Title _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

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C. **Recognition.** Primary organization to be listed on trophy/plaque if chosen as winner:

Optional. Other supporting organization(s) that worked on the project and that are to be recognized at the Blueprint Awards Ceremony:

D. **Acknowledgement of Nominator/Award Recipient**

I acknowledge that the submitted work was done by the parties credited in this Blueprint Awards Application Form, and that the work meets the appropriate nomination submittal requirements listed in the instructions. I understand that all winning documents will placed on the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint website under Award Winners and Best Practices.

Signature of Nominator

Date

Printed Name of Nominator

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