



**2022 AWARD CATEGORIES AND NOMINATION GUIDELINES**  
FOR  
**THE THONG H. HUYNH MEMORIAL AWARD**  
SPONSORED BY  
**THE CITY OF DAVIS HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

The City of Davis Human Relations Commission annually seeks nominations for the Thong Hy Huynh (“*tong hi win*”) Awards. The awards are presented once each year in memory of the stabbing death of Davis High School student Thong Hy Huynh on May 4, 1983. The award was established to raise awareness about and to honor community members whose actions exemplify the goals of diversity, community, social justice and equal rights. The Thong Hy Huynh Award was first presented in 1986.

**AWARD CATEGORIES**

1. Lifetime Achievement

Awarded for significant civil rights efforts over a long period of time while improving the quality of life in Davis. The recipient may be an individual or community organization that has promoted positive human relations in the community.

2. Young Humanitarian

Awarded to an individual or group in grades K-16 (elementary through undergraduate or equivalent) for significant efforts in improving the quality of life in Davis. Nominees have directly addressed the needs of specific groups within the community in the areas of human or civil rights or education.

3. Civil Rights Advocacy

Awarded to an individual, community organization or business for significant efforts in the community and achievement in any of the following areas:

- Speaking on behalf of, and giving voice to, the disadvantaged and disempowered.
- Promoting positive human relations, civil rights, cultural awareness or peaceful means of conflict resolution.
- Improving the quality of life for Davis residents through the areas of health, human services, housing, education or employment.

4. Excellence in Community Involvement Generally awarded to a business or non-profit organization, and occasionally a community individual that has a record of significant efforts improving the quality of life for Davis residents through the areas of health, human services, housing, education or employment.

5. Public Servant of the Year

Awarded to a local public servant who has promoted positive human relations in our multicultural and diverse community.



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**GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

*The Thong Hy Huynh Award process is designed to be as inclusive and as transparent as possible in order to protect the integrity of the award.*

**Nomination Process**

1. Nominations may be submitted by anyone, including Human Relations commissioners or City Council members. Current Commission members or elected officials may not be nominated for an award. Commissioners cannot nominate a family member, partner or spouse.
2. Nominees should be residents of Davis or have been active in work that has impacted the Davis community.
3. Nominations must be submitted via the nomination form.
4. Each nomination form should be for only one category, however, a nominee may be nominated for more than one category.

**Selection Process**

1. Any Huynh award winner in the previous 10 years is not eligible for nomination in the same category. Current voting commissioners are not eligible to receive an award. If a current commissioner is on the board of an organization, that organization is not eligible to be nominated for an award that year.
2. Any commissioner who has a conflict of interest with a nomination (i.e. a family member, partner or spouse nominated or an organization nominated for which Commissioner is employed or holds a leadership position) for an award must recuse him/herself from participation in deliberations and voting for that award.
3. If the Commission determines no nominations received in a particular category are appropriate, no award will be presented in that category.

*(See reverse for Award Categories)*