



CITY of BRISBANE

City Council Special Meeting Agenda

Amended 09.01.26

Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

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TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

IN PERSON

Location: City Hall Large Conference Room 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

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6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

- A. Consider any request of a City Councilmember to attend the meeting remotely under the “Emergency Circumstances” of AB 2449

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

WORKSHOP

- B. Volunteer of the Year 2026 Discussion

ADJOURNMENT



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: September 3, 2026
From: Jeremy Dennis, City Manager
Subject: Volunteer of the Year Nomination

Recommendation

Recognize the 2026 Volunteer of the Year and, if applicable, the Youth Volunteer of the Year, as selected by the City Council, for their outstanding service and contributions to the Brisbane community.

Background

Since 1994, the City of Brisbane has annually honored a resident as its Volunteer of the Year. This tradition celebrates individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to community service. The selection is made by the Mayor and City Councilmembers who review nominations and letters of recommendation submitted by residents.

Discussion

The Volunteer of the Year award is a prestigious recognition of individuals who have made a lasting impact on the Brisbane community. The selection committee considers several criteria, including, but not limited to:

- Long-term, consistent service to the community, often over decades.
- Significant volunteer contributions in a specific area or across multiple community groups.
- A selfless commitment to improving the quality of life in Brisbane without seeking personal recognition.
- The ability to inspire others to volunteer and take initiative in enhancing the city.



Each year, one adult and, when applicable, one youth recipient is selected. It is possible to nominate more than one adult. Past recipients are not eligible for re-nomination. These individuals are known for their generosity, positive spirit, and unwavering support of community initiatives.

Fiscal Impact

Minimal costs associated with recognition (e.g. plaques, etc.) are included in the City's annual budget.

Attachments

1. 2026 Volunteer of the Year Packet, including this year's nominees, past, non-awarded nominees, and previous Volunteer of the Year Award recipients.



Jeremy Dennis, City Manager



Volunteer of the Year

Criteria

In the past, the selection committee has utilized the following qualifying criteria to guide their decision-making process:

1. Consistent and ongoing service to the community spread over the course of many years/decades; a “lifetime achievement” type award.
2. Extensive and significant volunteer service in a particular area/field.
3. Volunteering across a variety of purposes and community groups.
4. Selfless commitment, giving for the betterment of the community and not for personal recognition or gain.
5. Inspires others to volunteer.
6. Takes the initiative to enhance the city.

2026 Nominees for Volunteer of the Year

In alphabetical order by first name, 6 total nominations for this year:

1. Avani Rajan ***Youth VOY Nominee!**
2. Dolores Gomez
3. Elizabeth (Liz) Larson
4. Emily Wirowek
5. Linda Almeida
6. Tony Verroes

(Note that Sharon Boggs was also nominated, but she is ineligible as she was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2021)



NOMINEE:	Avani Rajan <i>*Youth VOY Nominee!</i>
Nominator(s):	28
About the Nominee: • Long-standing youth leader who has served on the Youth Advisory Committee for 6 years and as a Student Trustee for the Jefferson Union High School District, consistently representing and supporting Brisbane students. • Deep commitment to intergenerational connection, regularly assisting seniors through tech support at the Sunrise Room, presenting at the Senior-Friendly Workshop, and supporting elderly neighbors in the Ridge. • Active volunteer across nearly every major Brisbane community event—including Day in the Park, Festival of Lights, Diwali, Garden Show, Teen Nights, middle school dances, and environmental efforts with San Bruno Mountain Watch and beach cleanups. • Dedicated mentor for younger youth, providing tutoring, helping middle schoolers with the high-school transition, leading school festivals, and creating welcoming spaces for teens and incoming freshmen.	
Notes:	

NOMINEE:	Dolores Gomez
Nominator(s):	1
About the Nominee: • Longtime Brisbane librarian and volunteer historian who has spent years documenting, preserving, and sharing the city's history. • Authored numerous historical essays, collected early Brisbane photographs, and served on the citizens' history committee. • Widely respected across the community, with many residents endorsing her nomination for her decades of service and dedication. • Continues to be valued for her commitment to keeping Brisbane's history alive and accessible, even as her ability to participate has changed.	
Notes:	



NOMINEE:	Elizabeth (Liz) Larson
Nominator(s):	11
About the Nominee: • Longtime cornerstone of Brisbane’s school community, leading major programs such as Science Exploration Day and serving in key PTO leadership roles at both BES and Lipman. • Tireless supporter of youth sports, coaching AYSO soccer and Lipman volleyball for many years, often stepping in whenever no other volunteers are available. • Constant presence at school and city events—organizing fundraisers, assisting with classroom activities, supporting sports teams, and inspiring others to volunteer through her calm, kind, and selfless leadership. • Widely regarded as a role model whose behind-the-scenes dedication, generosity, and reliability have strengthened Brisbane’s youth programs and overall community for more than a decade.	
Notes:	

NOMINEE:	Emily Wirowek
Nominator(s):	1
About the Nominee: • A decade of dedicated service across Brisbane’s civic and school communities, including leadership on the Complete Streets Safety Committee, the PTO, and consistent support at School Board meetings. • Led major citywide safety and community initiatives—securing Safe Routes to School grant funding, advancing street-safety improvements, increasing parent participation by removing childcare barriers, and helping launch Brisbane’s highly successful downtown Halloween street closure. • A constant, behind-the-scenes problem solver who collaborates with City staff, schools, and residents to address needs before they become issues—such as arranging safer school drop-off solutions and improving participation in public processes. • Gives 10+ volunteer hours weekly while balancing work and family, inspiring others through her thoughtful, humble, and community-driven approach to making Brisbane safer, stronger, and more inclusive.	
Notes:	



NOMINEE:	Linda Almeida
Nominator(s):	1
About the Nominee: • Linda is deeply committed to her family, friends, and the Brisbane community, always willing to help in any way she can. • She works tirelessly across multiple roles, including at Brisbane Elementary, delivering pizzas, working at Mission Blue, and supporting local events. • She balances her many responsibilities while caring for her children and grandchildren. • Her generosity and willingness to help others have left a lasting impact on those around her. • She has long deserved recognition for her selfless dedication and big-hearted contributions to the community.	
Notes:	

NOMINEE:	Tony Verreos
Nominator(s):	3
About the Nominee: • More than 40 years of volunteer service to Brisbane, including longtime involvement with the Lions Club (formerly as president) and extensive contributions to Ridge HOA projects and city initiatives. • Instrumental in community efforts such as the smoking-reduction initiative, the library history room project, and ecological advocacy supporting issues important to Brisbane. • Devotes countless solo hours to maintaining and beautifying Quarry Road—clearing overgrowth, pruning trees, removing invasive plants, improving trail safety, and organizing community clean-ups. • Widely appreciated by trail users and residents for consistent, hands-on stewardship that has made Quarry Road a safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable space for the entire community.	
Notes:	



Past Nominations: **Non-Awarded**

Year	# of Nominator(s)	NOMINEE	Notes/Reason
2025	1	Dr. Donald Francis	HIV/AIDS researcher and Dr of Science
2025	74	Elizabeth (Liz) Larson	Community leader, involved parent, tireless volunteer
2025	1	Jasama Patel	Lions Club president, active parent volunteer, mentor
2025	1	Linda Almeida	Dedicated to community, generous with her time and many roles
2025	1	Tony Byun	AYSO
2024	14	Charles Fong	Beautification efforts at Placer Way and Humboldt
2024	1	Tony Byun	AYSO
2024	1	Barb Bouchard	AYSO
2024	1	Ranjani Gupta	MOB & Diwali events
2024	1	Sara Byun	AYSO referee *Youth Volunteer!
2023	1	Larson Family	BES Volunteer, youth sports coaches, etc.
2023	1	Larson Family/Rob Larson	Coach, School volunteer, picking up poop in front of school
2023	1	Elizabeth Larson	All projects large and small at BES, Lipman, AYSO, and sports programs, etc.
2023	1	Deanna Washington	Creative "nature doodle" artworks along Crocker Trail.
2023	1	Rob Larson	1. Coaching sports (baseball & soccer) 2. Volunteering for every event in BES that needs volunteers (e.g. Field trips, Benton games, Staff appreciation, Lapathon, Science



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			Exploration Day, and many more.) 3. Cleaning outside the BES campus without hesitation. He is a good role model to everyone in our community especially the children.
2022	1	Bill Hamilton	Animal Union – Feral Cat Human Society
2022	1	Dana Dillworth	City Council matters and research, Baylands citizen advisory group
2021	1	Kristi Yawata	Vitalant blood drive support.
2021	1	Kalvin Lee	AAPL anti-hate event
2021	1	FOBL Building Committee	New Brisbane Library facility
2021	1	Deanna Washington	Peace picket fence and Crocker Trail ephemeral art
2020	1	Linda Seekins	Mask making during Covid
2020	1	Brisbane Covid Response Coalition	Brisbane Covid Response Coalition
2019	1	Glenn Fieldman	OSEC +
2019	1	Peter Grace	Aircraft Noise
2019	1	Dawn David	FOBL+
2019	1	Tony Palmer	BSD
2018	5	Tony Palmer	BSD
2018	1	Marc Salmon	Lions Club, BDW, Sports, etc.



Year	# of Nominator(s)	NOMINEE	Notes/Reason
2017	8	Peter Grace	Concerned Citizens of Brisbane (Aircraft Noise)
2016	1	Peter Grace	Aircraft Noise



Volunteer of the Year Award **Recipients**

YEAR	NAME
2025	Hermann Resiss, Youth VOY: Sebastian Bousquet
2024	Peter Grace
2023	Marc & Camille Salmon, Youth VOY: Sagar Rajan
2022	June Heavner
2021	Sharon Boggs
2020	Vicki Smith & Joe Sulley
2019	Nancy Lacsamana, Youth VOY: Chaya Bella David
2018	Nancy Colman
2017	Rachel Ennis
2016	Sue Cochran
2015	Paul Bouscal
2014	Ted Reiterman
2013	Daniel Sorrentino
2012	Jessica Aloft
2010/2011	Dan Carter
2008/2009	Dale Conway
2008/2009	Randy Romriell
2007	John Quilter
2006	Peter Stiehler
2005	Ken Walker
2004	Irene Oliver
2003	Alison & Bob Wilson
2002	Bonnie Bologoff
2001	Jeri Sulley
2000	Allen Nixon
1999	Tim Trzeciak
1998	Marilyn Hurst & Bob Dettmer
1997	Bill Lawrence
1996	Frank Walsh
1995	Clara Johnson
1994	Hitachi of America

