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Fairfield employees earn commendations

Fairfield, California (Wednesday, January 16, 2019)—Fairfield City Manager David White proudly announced and recognized two teams and two individual City employees at the January 15 City Council meeting. The award winners were nominated to the city manager by their peers to receive recognition for service “above and beyond” the call of duty.

White presented his commendation to the Homeless Intervention Team (HIT), Police Officers Joe Uchishiba and Mike Ambrose, and Police Social Services Coordinator Mary Ann Dawkins, for innovation, resource management, and responsiveness in connecting our homeless residents to services and interrupting the building of camps in the community.

The Public Works Homeless Engagement And Response Team (HEART) was recognized and commended for their consistent, respectful, early morning work in the city to ensure the health and welfare of the whole community. White says, “HEART starts their day interacting with homeless residents well before the sun rises, and they are always ready to clean up a camp, help connect people to services, and ensure a safe environment.” HEART is comprised of Superintendent Pat Giles, and Utility Workers Rick Joiner and Brandon Garcia.

Individual City Manager Commendations were presented to Quality of Life staff Iris Maya for her tenacity in rebuilding the Senior Home Assistance Repair Event (SHARE). Maya interviewed seniors in need of home repair, obtained donations from local merchants, and had a ready, volunteer labor force in our local trade unions. These home repairs restored basic comforts of home for 21 of our senior residents.

The second individual commendation from the city manager was awarded to Construction Inspector Mike Pierce. As recognized by City Manager White, “Mike spent over four years coordinating, navigating, and overseeing the largest construction project in Fairfield’s history. This is a ‘once-in-a-career’ project that

defines the northeast part of our city, and he did an amazing job delivering this beautiful train station for our community.”

White expressed his appreciation for the commitment and work from all of Fairfield’s employees, which made these selections by the committee so challenging. “Fairfield is blessed with people who really care about engaging the community in the work they do on its behalf,” said White. “Our people are our most-valued assets.”

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