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Taxpayers Association and Taxpayers Educational Foundation Recognize Key Community Leaders

Democracy is fragile, and hard work and civility sustain the community

San Diego, CA (December 1, 2022) – At its “Celebration Of, By, and For the Taxpayers” at The Loma Club last night, the San Diego County Taxpayers Association and its research and educational arm, the San Diego Taxpayers Educational Foundation, jointly recognized numerous members and community leaders for their notable contributions to the community.

Of note, the San Diego Taxpayers Educational Foundation recognized Drew Moser, the executive director of The Lucky Duck Foundation, with its inaugural Award for Civility. This new award recognizes an outstanding community leader who has been able to work on regional matters in a civil manner that is constructive in the midst of various and adversarial interests.

One member of the Education, Citizenship, and Civility Committee of the Foundation, who narrowed the field of over twenty nominations that included many notable community leaders, said in the deliberations that Drew Moser has “be[en] an integral part of collaborating with others and helping with the overwhelming needs [in stopping the homeless epidemic].”

The Foundation also recognized Rick Gentry, past president and CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission, for his service as a member of the new Public Regional Outcomes Standards Board.

The San Diego County Taxpayers Association also recognized numerous members for their steadfast devotion to its mission as the region’s trusted watchdog. Their countless volunteer hours were vital in the Association’s ability to conduct its work and provide recommendations to public office holders and to taxpayers with integrity.

- Tom Alexander, Fred Finch Youth and Family Services
- Barry Jantz, Jantz Communications
- Robert Kevane, The Kevane Company, Inc.
- Michael McLaughlin, TurpinMcLaughlin
- Daniel Shirkey, Balfour Beatty Construction

The Association at its celebration paid tribute to Nick Marinovich and Deanna Spehn, both of whom recently passed away and were long-standing members whose contributions in bond oversight and public policy will be missed.

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San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTA) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, dedicated to promoting accountable, cost-effective, and efficient government and opposing unnecessary new taxes and fees. Since 1945, SDCTA has served as “San Diego’s Taxpayer Watchdog Group” by educating the public and helping save the region’s citizens millions of dollars. Public opinion polls consistently rate SDCTA as the most “influential” and “trusted” public policy institution in San Diego. For more information, please visit www.sdcta.org, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, call 619-234-6423, or email info@sdcta.org

The San Diego Taxpayers Educational Foundation supports the San Diego County Taxpayers Association and the general taxpaying public with in-depth research and educational programming for community leaders and civil servants. The Foundation convenes the regional community of public policy practitioners, educators, and artists who want to study issues objectively and to facilitate civility and citizenship in public policy discussions. The Foundation also administers the new Public Regional Outcomes Standards Board (PROS Board), which sets regionally accepted principles in evaluating and reporting public good outcomes.