THE LGBTQ CENTER LONG BEACH
COMMUNITY ICON AWARD

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ABOUT THE AWARD
The LGBTQ Center Long Beach (The Center) first established the Community Icon Award in 2014 to recognize the contributions of individuals in Long Beach and/or southern California who have shown outstanding service to improve the climate of diversity and inclusion for LGBTQ people.

PURPOSE
To honor an individual who has helped advance equality and quality of life for LGBTQ people.

DESCRIPTION
Recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to advancing equity, visibility, inclusion, and well-being of LGBTQ people in Long Beach, and/or southern California.

NOMINATION CRITERIA
Any individual who in the previous 3-5 years has made a significant contribution to improving the lives and well-being of LGBTQ people through any of the following:
• By being involved in community-wide efforts of diversity, equity, and inclusion activities as a means to affirm the lives of LGBTQ people.
• Helping create and/or promote environments free of biases contributing to the advancement of LGBTQ people and communities.
• Supporting LGBTQ people and causes, privately and publicly.

SELECTION PROCESS
The Community Icon Award is based on the ranking of criteria from nominations received during the nomination period. This process may include interviews with references familiar with the nominee’s unique contributions.

SELECTION COMMITTEE
The selection committee consists of three members.
• One (1) current member of The Center’s Board of the Directors
• One (1) member of the public
• One (1) current Center volunteer*

JUDGING CRITERIA
Committee members will consider the following when assessing and comparing nominations against the nomination criteria.
• How has the nominee contributed to the advancement of equity, inclusion, visibility, and well-being of LGBTQ people in Long Beach and/or southern California?
Provide specific example(s) of their contribution(s).

- How has the nominee been a leader in this area of work in their community?
- How has the nominee raised community awareness of the issue(s)?
- How has the nominee been able to provide a network of support for the issue(s)?
- What was the outcome of the nominee’s contribution(s)?
- How effective was the outcome?
- Did the nominee overcome any barriers to achieving their outcome(s)?
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**KEY DATE**
- The deadline for submitting nominations is 5:00 pm, Sunday, April 30, 2023.
  - Late nominations will not be considered.

**AWARD**
- The *Community Icon Award* will be presented during the *Black & White Ball 2023: Dipped In Gold*, which will take place on Saturday, June 24th, 2023 at The Long Beach Convention Center.

To access the *Nomination Form*, go here:

[2023 Community Icon Award Nomination Form](#)

or use the QR code below.