THE LGBTQ CENTER LONG BEACH
POLITICAL ICON AWARD

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ABOUT THE AWARD
The LGBTQ Center Long Beach (The Center) first established the Political Icon Award in 2014 to recognize the contributions of individuals in Long Beach and/or southern California who have championed advancing LGBTQ equity through democratic processes.

PURPOSE
Each year, The Center honors an elected or appointed individual who has helped advance the representation and visibility of LGBTQ people and/or issues within political structures and processes.

DESCRIPTION
Recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to advancing equity for LGBTQ people in Long Beach, and/or southern California through democratic processes/systems.

NOMINATION CRITERIA
Any individual who in the previous 3-5 years has made an outstanding contribution to advancing LGBTQ causes and issues through new and/or established democratic platforms. For example:

- Advanced, protected, and/or expanded the protections of civil rights for LGBTQ people.
- Advanced/supported issues that are important to the LGBTQ communities.
- Recruited, supported, and/or mentored LGBTQ persons to run for public office.
- Created sustainable community (grassroots) political engagement model(s).

SELECTION PROCESS
The Political 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 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 LGBTQ equity (rights/issues) within the political structures in Long Beach and/or southern California?
  o Provide concrete 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 12:00 pm on Friday, March 31st, 2023.
  o Late nominations will not be considered.

AWARD
• The Political 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 Political Icon Award Nomination Form, or use the QR code below.