



Celebrate Sonoma Program

“Celebrate Sonoma” is a program started in 2019 to recognize the people that make up the fabric of Sonoma. Once a month, one councilmember may select a community member to be recognized for their contributions to our community. The person selected will be recognized at a City Council meeting and will be presented with a recognition certificate honoring them by dedicating a “day” in their honor.

The recognition process is as follows:

1. Council Member informs the City Clerk of their nominee. The City Clerk will confer with the City Manager and the Mayor and then inform the Councilmember of an available council meeting date for the recognition. The Council Member will be informed of the determined date.
2. The City Council Member who selected the nominee will communicate with the nominee about their selection and inform the nominee about the program and the process including the time frame and process at the meeting. The City Council Member should help spread the word about the nominee and the date of the City Council recognition.
3. City staff will promote the nominee as part of the announcement of the agenda items on the upcoming City Council meeting.
4. The City Clerk will prepare a certificate plaque.
5. At the Council meeting, the nominating Council Member will introduce and bring forward the person they are recognizing. The presentation should be limited to approximately 5 minutes.
6. The Mayor presents the certificate plaque to the honoree.
7. The honoree, family or friends may make brief remarks. Acceptance and comments should be limited to approximately 10 minutes.
8. Mayor calls for brief recess for photograph with council, honoree and attendees.
9. Council regular business resumes after the presentation.
10. City staff will add the nominee to the Celebrate Sonoma web page -- <https://www.sonomacity.org/celebrate-sonoma/>.