

RESOLUTION NO. 6641

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UPLAND JOINING AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF LEADING CITIES WORLDWIDE TO EMBRACE COMPASSION AS A VALUE

WHEREAS, Compassionate Communities is a global movement that brings people together to build and promote healthy, equitable, and resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, Compassionate Communities empowers children, families, and communities to be compassionate members of society; and

WHEREAS, the City of Upland is committed to creating a framework of compassion as a fundamental value guiding the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Upland is known for its leadership and innovation in the continuing effort to promote the values of equity and respect for all people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Upland will promote compassion through educational efforts and deliberate actions; and

WHEREAS, numerous Upland residents, City employees, and Upland -based groups, businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations have shared examples of compassionate action in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Upland hereby finds, determines and resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City of Upland is a Compassionate Community that aspires to be compassionate and encourage community service to meet the needs of our families, friends, communities, and neighbors.

Section 2. The City will consider recognition of any individual, group, business, or organization who actively seek to create a Compassionate community in Upland as outlined in the criteria in Exhibit A.


Section 3. Compliance with California Environmental Quality Act. The City Council finds that this Resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Further, if the activity is deemed a project this City Council finds that this Resolution is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Section 4. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, or clause or phrase in this Resolution or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Resolution or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each section irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, or phrases are declared unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2022.



Bill Velto, Mayor

I, Keri Johnson, City Clerk of the City of Upland, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 28th day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Velto, Councilmembers Maust, Elliott, Garcia, Zuniga
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST: 

Keri Johnson, City Clerk

Exhibit A - Guidelines for Compassion Awards

- **Intent:** Recognize the City of Upland's commitment to creating a Compassionate community and the positive benefits this brings to Upland residents, businesses, and visitors.
- **Eligibility:** Any individual, group, business, or organization who actively seeks to create a Compassionate community in Upland as outlined in the criteria below.
- **Criteria:**
 - Nominees must exemplify one or more of the following:
 - Work to alleviate the suffering of others.
 - Honor the inviolable sanctity of every human being.
 - Encourage a positive appreciation and respect of cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity.
 - Seek to promote empathy with others.
 - Promote and practice environmental sustainability.
 - Practice kindness.
 - Support citizens and the community to flourish.
- **Deadline:** Nominations may be made at any time of the year using the City's Ceremonial Document Request Form. Forms must be submitted 30 days prior to a meeting if there is a requested date for the presentation.
- **Recognition:** Awards will generally be presented at a City Council meeting at which the nominee is recognized (during the presentations section of the meeting). The recipient will receive a certificate.
- **Process:**
 - The Ceremonial Document Request Form is available on the City's website or by contacting the City Manager's office.
 - The requester will indicate that they are requesting a certificate of "Award for Compassion"
 - The form includes a section to describe how the person or organization being nominated embodies the principles of Compassion.
 - Nominations may come from anyone other than the individual or organization being nominated.
 - Nominations are routed through the City Manager's office for review and consideration.
 - If the nomination is approved the City will present a certificate to the recipient at a designated City Council meeting.