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## Call for nominations—City of Hayward annual environmental awards

*City welcomes nominations for businesses, organizations, individuals  
and schools demonstrating exceptional environmental commitment*

**HAYWARD, Calif.**, Jan. 22, 2019—The City of Hayward is accepting nominations for its 36th Annual Environmental Awards to recognize businesses, organizations, schools and residents who show a strong commitment to environmental sustainability.

Nominees demonstrating exceptional or innovative environmental efforts in categories such as energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy, waste diversion (good recycling and composting practices), water conservation and environmental education will be considered for the award.

“We are proud of the businesses and community members who are making a commitment to integrate sustainability into their business models and everyday lives,” said Mayor Barbara Halliday. “Through the Environmental Awards, we are able to recognize these community members, tell their stories, and hopefully inspire others in the community to do their part.”

Nominations are due March 1, 2019. Award winners will be recognized during a special presentation at a City Council meeting this spring and will be presented a certificate of recognition from the Mayor and Council.

Award recipients in 2018 included residents and multi-family property managers displaying excellent environmental practices, such as participation in Hayward’s residential recycling program and energy-efficiency programs.

Businesses also were honored for their implementation of an environmentally preferred purchasing policy, energy efficiency and water conservation measures, waste reduction programs, and environmental education activities. Among the businesses, GARNET + grace Bridal Boutique, SEW

Eurodrive and World Mission Society Church of God were recognized for their ongoing sustainability efforts and each received 2018 Environmental Sustainability Awards.

The City encourages community members to fill out a nomination form either for themselves or for someone they would like to recommend for recognition. To make a nomination, complete the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/eZgzaV7L0Vit4zyH3>.

Nominees must be located within Hayward city limits. Nominations will only be considered if submitted by the March 1 due date. For more information about the 2019 Environmental Awards, visit [www.hayward-ca.gov/earth-day](http://www.hayward-ca.gov/earth-day).