

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
ADOPTING A LOS ALTOS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD**

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos is a community that celebrates its history and the rich past that is incorporated into the fabric of the City and provides a link to the community's heritage and history, and the remaining sites and structures of architectural and/or historic significance enhance the community's unique character and contribute to a sense of place; and

WHEREAS, the Los Altos General Plan contains goals and policies that support the identification, preservation and protection of significant historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Commission is tasked with maintaining the City's historic resources inventory, working with property owners on preservation of historic resources and advising the City Council on historic issues; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Commission held public meetings to discuss the Historic Preservation Award on March 28, 2011, October 24, 2011, November 28, 2011, and January 24, 2012;

WHEREAS, a Historic Preservation Award will recognize individuals, groups, organizations or projects that exemplify the spirit of historic preservation in the City of Los Altos; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Commission will consider nominations for the Historic Preservation Award using the criteria outlined in Exhibit A during its regular April meeting and may choose one nominee as the recipient of the Historic Preservation Award; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will recognize the Historic Preservation Award recipient at the same meeting that the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest award recipients are recognized.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby adopt a Los Altos Historic Preservation Award using the process and criteria contained in Exhibit A.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 13th day of March, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: CASAS, FISHPAW, PACKARD, SATTERLEE, CARPENTER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Attest:



Lee Price, MMC, CITY CLERK



Valorie Cook Carpenter, MAYOR

EXHIBIT A

LOS ALTOS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

AWARD DESCRIPTION:

The intent of the Los Altos Historic Preservation Award is to recognize individuals, groups, organizations or projects that exemplify the spirit of historic preservation in the City of Los Altos. The award will be in the form of a certificate of recognition from the City Council and presented to the award recipient by the City Council. Nominees must demonstrate a dedication to historic preservation in the City of Los Altos as outlined below. The purpose of the award is to encourage public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the City's past, and foster civic and neighborhood pride and sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of the City's historic resources.

NOMINATION:

Nominations may be made by submitting a nomination letter outlining how the nominee meets the below listed criteria to the Historical Commission. Nominations may be made by any member of the public, including self-nomination.

Nominations may be submitted at any time during the year. At its regular April meeting each year, the Historical Commission will evaluate all nominations using the evaluation criteria listed below. After taking oral testimony from members of the public and considering the written evidence, the Historical Commission may vote on a recipient of the Historic Preservation Award. If the Commission identifies an award recipient, it will forward the award nomination to the City Council along with evidence to support the nomination. The written recommendation may be presented at the Historical Commission's annual joint meeting with the City Council for the Council's feedback and guidance, or the recommendation may be submitted directly to the City Council for consideration at its next regular meeting. The City Council would recognize the Historic Preservation Award recipient with a proclamation by the Mayor.

The Historical Commission may choose not to nominate an award recipient if the submitted nominations do not merit an award based on the below listed criteria. Nominees who do not receive the award may be resubmitted for consideration in subsequent years.

EVALUTION CRITERIA:

1. Demonstration of pioneering or innovative efforts in historic preservation or education.
2. Conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation.
3. Public Benefit received (educational, beautification, advocacy, etc.).
4. Impact to the City of Los Altos.