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### **The City of Los Alamitos Garners Prestigious ACC-OC Golden Hub of Innovation Awards Nominations in Four Categories**

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – April 29, 2024 – The City of Los Alamitos is thrilled to announce that it has been nominated in four significant categories from the esteemed Association of California City Orange County (ACC-OC) for the Golden Hub of Innovation Awards. These nominations serve as a testament to the hard work, dedication, and innovative spirit of the City Staff.

The nominations received are as follows:

- **Community Safety & Resilience Excellence Award:** Recognizes the City's integration and proactive School Safety Initiative, through the partnerships with two other cities, Orange County Fire Authority, the Sheriff's Department, and the Los Alamitos School District.
- **Collaborative Community Development & Innovation Award:** Recognizes the City's Celebrate Los Al event. This event is a day-long festival event that promotes a weekend of service within Los Alamitos in partnership with local non-profits and service organizations.
- **Los Alamitos' City Manager, Chet Simmons,** has been nominated for City Manager of the Year. This honor is bestowed on the City Manager who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, collaboration, and a commitment to addressing the challenges facing their communities.
- **Los Alamitos' Director of Recreation and Community Services/Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Emeline Noda,** has been nominated for City Staff Leader of the Year. This award celebrates essential staff members who have shown exemplary dedication and leadership in spearheading innovative programs or initiatives.

"These nominations reflect the City's ongoing commitment to excellence in governance, community engagement, and innovation," stated Mayor Jordan Nefulda. Expressing gratitude for the recognition, Nefulda went on to comment, "I wish everyone had an opportunity to see and understand the caliber of the people that work for this community."

These nominations are a testament to their hard work and how this town feels about them. I couldn't be prouder."

The ACC-OC Golden Hub of Innovation Awards winners will be announced at the ACC-OC Leadership Summit on May 8th in front of local government officials, community leaders, and stakeholders who will come together to celebrate the achievements and leaders from across Orange County.

For more information about the City of Los Alamitos and its initiatives, please visit <https://cityoflosalamitos.org>.

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