



London
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Mayor's New Year's Honour List Policy

Policy Name: Mayor's New Year's Honour List Policy

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1. Policy Statement

- 1.1 This policy establishes the Mayor's New Year's Honour List for the recognition of persons who have contributed in an outstanding manner to the community of London in one of the categories of Accessibility, Age Friendly, Arts, Distinguished Londoner, Diversity and Race Relations, Environment, Heritage, Housing, Humanitarianism, Safety & Crime Prevention, and Sports.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 Not applicable.

3. Applicability

- 3.1 This Council policy applies to all persons who have contributed in an outstanding manner to the community of London in prescribed categories.

4. The Policy

4.1 Categories

Persons may be recognized in any of the following categories:

- a) Accessibility (i.e. contributions to foster an environment of inclusion that embraces citizens of all abilities);
- b) Age Friendly (i.e. contributions to empowering older adults and advancing an age friendly community);
- c) Arts (i.e. contributions to fostering and/or the production of human creativity);
- d) Diversity and Race Relations (i.e. contributions to the elimination of hate and discrimination).
- e) Environment (i.e. contributions to the awareness, preservation and protection of the environment);
- f) Heritage (i.e. contributions to the awareness, preservation and protection of heritage resources);
- g) Housing (i.e. contributions to the provision of safe and accessible housing for all members of the community);
- h) Humanitarianism (i.e. contributions to human welfare through philanthropic and other efforts);

- i) Safety & Crime Prevention (i.e. contributions to a safe and secure community);
- j) Sports (i.e. contributions to the awareness of and participation in sports activity and/or demonstrated excellence within a particular sports activity);
or
- k) Distinguished Londoner (i.e., outstanding contribution to community collaboration or acts of good will by giving back to our City).

4.2 Nominating Committees/Organizations

The following Committees/Organizations shall nominate individuals in the respective categories:

- a) Accessibility – Accessibility Community Advisory Committee
- b) Age Friendly – Age Friendly London Network
- c) Arts – London Arts Council
- d) Diversity and Race Relations – Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee
- e) Environment – Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee
- f) Heritage – Community Advisory Committee on Planning
- g) Housing – Community and Protective Services Committee
- h) Humanitarianism – Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee
- i) Safety & Crime Prevention – Community and Protective Services Committee
- j) Sports – London Sports Council
- k) Distinguished Londoner – Each Council Member may submit one (1) name to the Mayor for consideration. The Mayor may select up to six (6) individuals for recommendation to Municipal Council.”

4.3 Conditions

The following conditions shall apply to the nomination of individuals:

- a) no more than one person in each category shall be named in any one year, except for the category of Distinguished Londoner, subject to:
 - i) a person may not necessarily be named in each category each year;
 - ii) City Council may, at its sole discretion and on an exception basis, choose to recognize two individuals in any one category in a given year should the City Council determine that two individuals have inseparably partnered in contributing to their respective category, thereby increasing the aggregate amount of nominees beyond the usual maximum of ten persons to be named in any one year;
- b) the recipients shall be chosen for long standing contributions in their respective categories;
- c) the name of any one individual shall be included on the Honour List only once in their lifetime;

- d) any person currently serving as a member of any one of the Advisory Committees, City Council, Civic Administration or organizations referred to in 4.2 shall not be eligible for naming to the list during their term of appointment or employment with the City;
- e) nominees being recommended by the Advisory Committees or organizations referred to in 4.2 shall receive at least seventy-five percent of the total eligible votes on the respective Advisory Committee or organization.

4.4 Form of Recognition

- a) The recipients shall be honoured at the first meeting of City Council in January, with a reception for themselves and one guest, and presentation of an appropriately-worded certificate.
- b) A plaque shall be displayed in a prominent public area of City Hall honouring those persons named each year to the Mayor's New Year's Honour List and shall be updated annually by the City Clerk.