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National Civic League Announces Finalists for 2016 All-America City Award

Award to honor communities developing innovative solutions to ensure all children are healthy and supported to succeed in school and life

Denver, Colorado - March 24, 2016 - The National Civic League is proud to announce the finalists for the 2016 All-America City Award (AAC). The award, given to 10 communities each year, celebrates and recognizes neighborhoods, villages, towns, cities, counties, tribes and regions that engage residents in innovative, inclusive and effective efforts to tackle critical challenges.

The finalists represent the diversity of American communities from the largest cities to the smallest towns, from east to west and north to south. Finalist communities include the 7th largest city in America (San Antonio) and a town of only 7,000 people (Hartsville, South Carolina). But the 20 finalists share a common bond of working to ensure that all their youth are healthy and supported in school and life.

The 2016 All-America City Finalists:

Avondale, Arizona	Woodbury, Minnesota
Marana, Arizona	Las Vegas, Nevada
Hayward, California	Asheboro, North Carolina
Indio, California	Salisbury, North Carolina
Whittier, California	Charleston County, South Carolina
Lakewood, Colorado	Hartsville, South Carolina
New Britain, Connecticut	Missouri City, Texas
Council Bluffs, Iowa	San Antonio, Texas
Fall River, Massachusetts	Norfolk, Virginia
Columbia Heights, Minnesota	Brown Deer, Wisconsin

The focus of the 2016 All-America City Award is on communities that have taken innovative action to engage residents in ensuring that all children are healthy and supported to succeed in school and life. Our goal with this spotlight is to raise up local examples of innovative and effective community problem-solving that recognizes all influences on the success of children and inclusively uses all sectors to address those barriers.

"All-America Cities are places where people are coming together to address important issues like youth success and racial equity," said Doug Linkhart, the President of the National Civic League. "These cities and towns are harnessing the power of community to build their own future."

Teams of residents, leaders from nonprofit, business, and government; and young people from each of the communities will [present their story and programs to a jury](#) of nationally recognized business, local government, and philanthropic leaders on June 17-19, 2016 in Denver, Colorado. Through workshops they will share insights with innovators from across the country. [The event is every bit as much about learning and networking as it is about competing for the coveted All-America City title.](#)

"Each year we use an extensive process with an expert jury to determine the All-America Cities," said Linkhart. "All-America Cities aren't perfect. There's no such thing as a perfect community. The award honors cities that mobilize community partnerships to address local challenges. These stories inform and inspire other communities facing similar challenges."

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About The All-America City Award

Since 1949, the National Civic League (NCL) has recognized and celebrated the best in American civic innovation with the prestigious All-America City Award (AAC). The award, bestowed yearly on 10 communities (more than 500 in all), recognizes trail-blazing efforts to bring residents, local government, business and nonprofit groups together to tackle the most pressing local issues. NCL also publishes the award-winning National Civic Review, the Civic Index, the Model City Charter, conducts research into fiscal sustainability and community innovation, and facilitates resident-centered strategic planning for organizations and local governments.

NCL invites all who are interested in learning more from the finalists and innovators to attend the event, go [here to register](#).

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