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Yerba Buena Community Benefit District Honors Neighborhood Improvement Champions at Second Annual Yerba Buena Community Excellence Awards

San Francisco, Calif. — The [Yerba Buena Community Benefit District](#) celebrated the accomplishments of individuals and organizations that improve the Yerba Buena neighborhood at its second Yerba Buena Community Excellence Awards.

“It takes a lot of people to keep a neighborhood safe, clean, and livable and these are just a few of the outstanding people and organizations we would like to recognize this year,” said YBCBD Chair Candace Sue at the awards ceremony, which was held at the Palace Hotel during the YBCBD’s Annual Board Meeting in January.

Awards were given in four categories and honorees received a replica of a San Francisco street sign adorned with the name Yerba Buena. The categories and honorees included:

- **Excellence in Improving the Public Realm:** The [Moscone Center](#) for its multi-year Moscone Expansion Project to build an even stronger economic engine, add new public art and improve public open spaces in Yerba Buena.
- **Excellence in Community Service:** [YBCBD](#) Clean Team member Lidia Hernandez and YBCBD Community Guide Robert Owens for their outstanding efforts to improve daily quality of life in the district.
- **Excellence in Community Placemaking:** [Sunday Streets SF](#), a program of the nonprofit Livable City presented in partnership with the SFMTA, Department of Public Health and City of San Francisco that closes streets on selected Sunday’s from 1-4 miles in length and provides fun, free activities in conjunction with local community groups. Sunday Streets held its first event in Yerba Buena last summer.
- **Excellence in Community Building:** [Yerba Buena Alliance](#) for promoting and supporting art, culture and events in Yerba Buena.

Honorees were nominated by the public and the YBCBD’s various volunteer committees, and selected by the YBCBD Board of Directors, which is comprised of Yerba Buena residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

The YBCBD is a community-based nonprofit that provides clean and safe services, streetscape improvements, public safety enhancements, and neighborhood marketing and community engagement programs in Yerba Buena. It oversees a Community Guides program, SFPD bike patrol officer program, graffiti removal, street and sidewalk cleaning, neighborhood marketing, public art projects and other improvement efforts. Learn more at www.YBCBD.org and on [Facebook](#).

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