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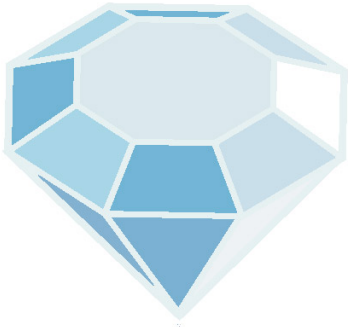
***Hollywood, California may have the gold; but
Hollywood, Florida has the DIAMOND***
The City of Hollywood Celebrates Its Own Stellar Performances

HOLLYWOOD, FL – Residents of the Hollywood community may not be able to walk the red carpet, but they can stroll on an award-winning beach and world famous Broadwalk or shop in a historic Downtown. This year, the 79th Academy Awards will take place on February 25th at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles, California. While thousands of stars are being honored at the event for outstanding film achievements, the City of Hollywood will be celebrating its own award-winning successes.

In an effort to bring local and national acclamation to the community, the City pursues and submits various proposals highlighting diverse programs and services. The nominations are in and the votes have been counted. Hollywood is in the spotlight! The ballots reveal the City of Hollywood has it

all “Like Nowhere Else”.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences presents their award nominations in twenty-four categories ranging from Best Motion Picture to Best Actor. Equally, Hollywood, Florida has identified unique nomination categories to highlight its partnerships, performances and achievements.



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Hollywood, Florida Diamond Award Categories:

Best Picture:

When City of Hollywood residents, business owners and visitors want to view a best picture, all they have to do is open their eyes! Hollywood is filled with picturesque sceneries City-wide. Hollywood Beach is a Wi-Fi entertainment hotspot enjoyed by countless viewers year round. Moreover, Hollywood Beach was recognized by Travelocity as one of the Top 10 Action Beaches in and around the United States. In addition, Hollywood's world famous Broadwalk, Historic Downtown, and newly transformed ArtsPark have received rave reviews locally, nationally, and internationally. Numerous motion pictures and television productions were filmed in Hollywood including a scene from an episode of the critically acclaimed HBO series *The Sopranos*.

Best Community Collaborations:

Through its numerous collaborations, Hollywood continues to provide stellar performances. Hollywood received national recognition as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise--The Alliance for Youth. The City received the 2007 award for its efforts in making youth a priority through collaborations with youth organizations, law enforcement, fire rescue, hospitals, schools, and local non-profit and private organizations.

For six consecutive years Hollywood has won the National Night Out Crime, Drug and Violence Prevention Award sanctioned by the National Association of Town Watch for its partnerships with residents, businesses, and civic and homeowners associations. The City has also received awards from ASPIRA of Florida, the Department of Elder Affairs, and the Hispanic Unity for departmental assistance and vital agency support.

Best Supporting Departments:

When it comes to departmental support, Hollywood shines brighter than the Oscars' golden statuettes. City departments have recently received innumerable state and national recognitions to include: the Government Finance Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Office of Budget and Procurement Services; Utility of the Year Award to the Department of Public Utilities; Special Mention for the Department of the Year Award to the Department of Public Works; Keep America Beautiful Award to the Department of Design and Construction Management; Bronze Agency Award and the Dorothy Mullen National Arts and Humanities Award to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts; Gold Medal Ocean Rescue Award to the Department of Fire, Rescue and Beach Safety; Agency Award of Excellence to the



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Department of Housing and Community Redevelopment; and American's Most Digital City Award to the Department of Information Technology.

Best Programs and Services:

Collectively as a City, Hollywood provides top notch programs and services to the public.

Take 1: The Department of Fire, Rescue and Beach Safety was nationally recognized with a "Class 1" distinction for EMS and Fire services by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO). Hollywood is in the .1 percentile out of 44,000 jurisdictions in the country to receive this honor.

Take 2: The Hollywood Police Department continues to be recognized as a professionally accredited law enforcement agency by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Take 3: Other award-winning City initiatives include the Summer Youth Program, Make a Difference Day, Mayor Dollar Wise Campaign Financial Literacy Program, S.E.A. Camp, MLK Youth Basketball National Championship Teams, and Relay for Life of Hollywood.

Best City in a Leading Role:

The City of Hollywood stands out as a leader among other municipalities. A coastal City with a population of over 147,000 representing diverse cultures, backgrounds and ages, the City of Hollywood is one the most acclaimed places in which children and families can live and grow. Money Magazine reported the City of Hollywood best reflected the demographics of the future for American cities.

Unlike Hollywood, CA which is a District in Los Angeles and registers at approximately 18 square miles, the City of Hollywood, FL spans more than 29 square miles and encompasses some of the best shops, plazas, galleries, restaurants, museums, parks, schools, theatres, cultural venues, hotels, nightlife and much, much more. In respect to leadership, Mayor Mara Giuliani was just recognized as a finalist for Mayor of the Year/Florida Cities of Excellence Award by the Florida League of Cities. The Economic Development Roundtable was recognized as a finalist for the Awards for Municipal Excellence by the National League of Cities. Hollywood has received the Tree City USA National Award for 28 consecutive years and recently received the National Growth Award sanctioned by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Center for Digital Government ranked Hollywood as one of the top 5 digitally-advanced cities in America which makes this award a multiple category winner. Another multiple category winner is Hollywood being one in five Florida cities to receive national recognition by America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People.



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Standing Ovation

Stand by, ready, set, action! No matter what your age or culture, Hollywood has what you are looking for. The Hollywood, Florida “distinguished name” surpasses the “Walk of Fame.” The nominations and ballots show the Diamond goes to Hollywood, Florida!

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