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## 9 honored for downtown contributions

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**ESCONDIDO** – The Downtown Business Association has celebrated its first People's Choice Awards, honoring those who have had a positive effect on downtown Escondido.

The awards were presented during a red-carpet gala outside City Hall on Sunday night. Barratt American City Square co-sponsored the event with the business organization. Presenters included entertainment reporter Ruben Galvan from Fox 6 News, actress Kate Linder from “The Young and The Restless” and Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler.

Residents nominated 49 people. The nine winners selected by the association are:

- **Cindy Waasdorp** with Prudential California Realty for helping make the holidays better for people downtown.
- **Jack Anderson**, who will retire as Escondido assistant city manager next month, for helping with downtown lighting projects and other improvements.
- **The Escondido Police Department** for helping with activities, including Cruisin' Grand and the Downtown Diplomat Training Program.
- **Angelo Damante** of Mercedes Benz of Escondido for helping make December Holidays in Downtown Escondido possible.
- **Wendy Barker** of the Escondido History Center for her work on the Jingle Bell Cruise, street fairs, Cruisin' Grand and preserving history in downtown Escondido.
- **Melissa Inez Walker** of Distinction Gallery for leading the effort to create an arts gallery guide and helping other business owners downtown.

- The Escondido Public Library for offering about 100 services, programs and activities for the public; providing meeting space for business and neighborhood groups; and offering good customer service.
- Mark Missler of the 150 Grand for bringing an upscale restaurant to downtown and providing excellent service.
- Developer Barratt American for initiating plans for City Square, a downtown housing development.


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