Rotary Club of San Diego Peace Award
Process and Judging Criteria

I. Purpose

A. To create a process and judging criteria for a Peace Award that is intended to become part of an annual program honoring those within the greater San Diego community that best exemplify the ideals of peace.

B. Following review by members of the Rotary Club Peace Committee, the criteria will be submitted by its Chairperson to the Club's Executive Committee for consideration.

II. Judging Criteria

A. Potential Awardees

1. An organization or individual, based in San Diego County.
2. Primary duties must involve programs and projects that significantly contribute to a more peaceful community.

B. Avenues of Peacemaking - Such activities may include, but not be limited to:

1. Increase awareness and prevention of systemic violent acts against ethnic background, color, gender, sexual orientation or other classifications.
2. Foster greater opportunities for underserved populations; for example: economic, social or educational.
3. Design activities to prevent violence or infringements on human rights locally and globally that are caused by religious, economic or political turmoil.
4. Foster the integration into the community of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs.)

C. Organization Structure

1. The organization under consideration must be a registered 501C3 non-profit entity in good standing with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, State of California Franchise Tax Board and hold a four-star Charity Navigator rating or equivalent with another reputable third-party entity.
2. If the entity under consideration is an individual, he or she must be working for a 501C3 either in a paid staff or volunteer capacity or be willing to donate the monetary award to a 501C3 organization that meets the Award criteria.
3. The individual or organization must be able and willing to participate in the Rotary Club program where and when the award will be presented.

III. Process

A. Nominations must be submitted to the Rotary Club of San Diego Peace Committee for consideration on or before May 31 of the given year.

B. A quorum (at least 50 percent of the active members) must be present at the Rotary Club of San Diego Peace Committee meeting to consider all applicants.

C. The Awardee will be determined by a simple majority vote.

D. Should no one individual or organization receive a majority vote, a run off vote will occur between the top two entities.

IV. Program

A. The Awardee will be recognized at a Rotary Club of San Diego program in September of the given year, and will receive an official Rotary Club of San Diego Peace Award Certificate, together with a monetary donation.

B. A written report will be provided by the Rotary Club of San Diego Peace Committee to be used to create a press release, included on the Rotary Club web site, in social media and in the *Rotator*, together with additional promotional materials as considered appropriate.

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