

NEWS RELEASE

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501 Poli Street
Ventura, CA 93001**Reception & exhibit for City of Ventura Photo Contest on December 5 @5:30 pm**

The City of Ventura invites the public and all participants in the 11th annual photography contest to attend a special reception at City Hall, 501 Poli St., on Monday, December 5, at 5:30 pm.

The Mayor will award certificates to contest winners in the Council Chambers at 6 pm.

The winning photos are on display in The Bridge Gallery near City Hall's second floor rear entrance through January 2017.

Fifty-five photographers entered 214 images – on view at www.cityofventura.net/photocontest – and 297 members of the public cast votes online to select the "People's Choice" awards. A second set of "Judges' Choice" winners came from a Community Partnerships team of visual artist professionals.

"The photo contest becomes more popular every year as a great way for residents to express civic pride in our city's stunning natural landscapes, unique architecture and diverse people, culture and community life," said Community Partnerships Manager Denise Sindelar. "I invite photographers to enter the 2017 photo contest online between January 1 and October 2, 2017 in 3 clear categories."

The JC (Judges' Choice) and PC (People's Choice) winners in 5 categories for the 2016 contest are:

Category 1 Environment

JC Lysa Urban (tie)

JC Jacqueline Counter (tie)

PC Deirdra Finning

Category 2 Architecture

JC Christopher Meugniot

PC Chuck Gebert

Category 3 Portraits

JC John Ferritto

PC Tom Robinson

Category 4 Community Life

JC Ron Brubaker

PC Chuck Gebert

Category 5 Altered Images

JC & PC Tammy Sims

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