

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: 2018 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
LAIDA FALSETTO**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receives this report for information.

REPORT**INTRODUCTION**

Burnaby City Council, at the Closed Council meeting held on 2019 March 11, received and adopted a report from the Executive Committee of Council recommending that Ms. Laida Falsetto be awarded the Kushiro Cup as the 2018 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Laida has been chosen for this award for her relentless and unwavering involvement for many years with several Burnaby based community and charity groups.

POLICY

The Outstanding Citizen of the Year award honours Burnaby citizens who have made tremendous contributions to their communities and supports the following goals of the City's Corporate Strategic Plan:

Goals

- A Connected Community
 - Social connection – enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
- An Inclusive Community
 - Create a sense of community – provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging
- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life – encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being

To: His Worship, the Mayor and Councillors
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2018 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Laida is a mentor, leader and champion for children at Byrne Creek Secondary School where she has taught since 2006. She believes by mentoring kids, they can be and achieve anything. Laida has organized and supported scholarship opportunities for post-secondary programs and has helped develop strong and mindful leadership students at all grade levels through student-developed and run events.

For ten years she has been an active participant of PAWS (Paving a Way for Success), a program for new refugee students to help them become confident workers, build their leadership skills and transition into Canadian culture by helping them find work experience in the community. She believes supporting refugee students based on their needs will help them to experience success.

Laida's passion for helping students extends beyond the classroom and into the community. In his nomination package, Mr. Revitt noted Laida and her student team packed and delivered 80 hampers to Burnaby families last year in an annual Community Hamper Drive to support families in need over Winter Break.

In addition, Laida has partnered with the Burnaby Firefighter Charitable Society participating in events such as Pancake Breakfasts, Year End Carnival and Snack Drives; as well as, joined the iAK Foundation Canada partaking in activities which spread kindness throughout the community.

Laida has been a tireless supporter of students and the community. She has devoted countless hours mentoring students and participating in local events to support refugees and families to make school and community a better place to live for all.

The Executive Committee of Council agrees that Ms. Laida Falsetto is truly worthy of receiving the honour of "2018 Outstanding Citizen of the Year" and recommends this award be presented to her at the annual City Appreciation Dinner to be held on Friday, 2019 May 3 at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

His Worship, Mayor M. Hurley
Vice Chair

Copied to: City Manager
