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City of Fresno Announces Historic Preservation Awards

FRESNO -- Mayor Ashley Swearengin today announced the winners of the City's 2016 Historic Preservation awards which honor individuals and community groups who have demonstrated excellence in the restoration of a historic building or leadership in preservation planning and neighborhood revitalization.

The winners will be recognized at a ceremony at the City Council Thursday, December 15 at 1:30 p.m. Nominations for the awards were solicited from the public and staff and reviewed by a panel prior to submission to the Mayor for approval.

The winners are:

- **Outstanding Rehabilitation of a Residential Property:** Stephen Walter for the restoration of the circa 1902 American Foursquare style home located at 934 E. Mildreda; and AFREI LLC for the restoration of the circa 1902 Neoclassical cottage located at 1320 P Street.
- **Adaptive Reuse of a Historic Property:** Jake Soberal, Will Dyck and Henderson Architectural Group for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the James Phelan Building (1914, HP#159) at 700 Van Ness for Bitwise South Stadium.
- **Outstanding Rehabilitation of a Non-Residential Property:** Reza Assemi for the restoration of the PGE (Theatre 3) Building (1926, HP#164).
- **Best In-Fill Building Project:** Terance Frazier, Marvin Armstrong, Kiel Schmidt and the Fresno Housing Authority for 541 at South Tower.
- **Community Preservation Award, Individual:** Three individuals recognized for their contributions to their respective neighborhoods or communities include Patricia Haun (South Van Ness Industrial District), John Walker ([The Fresno Bee](#)) and Tim Schultz (Revive Industries).

- **Community Preservation Award, Group:** The City's Historic Preservation "Swat Team" (Howard Lacy, Jesse Morrison and Kevin Watkins); and Edward Smith and the Fresno County Bicycle Coalition, for their co-sponsorship since 2005 of Bike Through History.
- **Horizon Award:** Christopher Rocha for his website and advocacy for the preservation of the Hotel Fresno.
- **The Russell and Pat Fey Memorial Preservationist of the Year Award:** Robert Boro, Landscape Architect for leadership and support of numerous historic and cultural causes over the past 25 years.

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