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Embrace Civility Award Presented to Asher Waxman

Beverly Hills Library Employee Devoted to Helping Others

Beverly Hills, Calif. – The Beverly Hills City Council awarded Asher Waxman the Fifth Annual Embrace Civility Award on Tuesday, December 6, for his selfless service to others and dedication to the people in the City.

Mayor John Mirisch presented the Embrace Civility Award to Mr. Waxman and said, “This award that was developed by the Human Relations Commission to honor the unsung heroes of our city is significant in recognizing those that always give and never expect anything in return.”

The Embrace Civility Award was developed by the Human Relations Commission to recognize people who create positive, lasting change in the community. For the past 34 years, Asher Waxman has devoted his career to the City as a dedicated employee of the Beverly Hills Public Library and to the community as a liaison to the Homebound Services Program.

Human Relations Commission Chair, Karen Popovich-Levyn said, “Mr. Waxman is a role model for positive civic behavior. He takes a stand to support and respect responsible actions and he promotes positive neighbor-to-neighbor relations.” Popovich-Levyn said, “we reviewed several impressive nominations and unanimously selected Mr. Waxman. He’s the ideal recipient of this very special honor.”

While receiving the award, Mr. Waxman was surrounded by family, colleagues and friends who acknowledged his commitment to the community and as a role model for positive civic behavior. Currently, Mr. Waxman spends his time with the Library’s Homebound Services program. This program affords Beverly Hills residents who are unable to visit the library in person due to a temporarily or permanent disability or illness, the option to receive bi-weekly packages of books, videos and DVDs from the Library’s collections.

Myra and Dan Demeter nominated Mr. Waxman for the award. Myra Demeter said, “Mr. Waxman touches the hearts of people every day, whether it’s at the library or while visiting homebound individuals. He carefully curates individual packages for each resident enrolled in the Library’s Homebound Service program. Prior to receiving their first delivery, Mr. Waxman spends time in the patron’s home learning their abilities and preferences. He treats all of his patrons, colleagues and members of the community with the utmost respect, compassion and patience, regardless of their age or disability.”

The Embrace Civility Award is part of the ongoing, award-winning Embrace Civility program which promotes positive human relations in all aspects of community life. The program started in 2010 when the City of Beverly Hills Human Relations Commission established the importance of embracing civility and integrated principles of civility, respect, and responsible action into daily business at City Hall and municipal election proceedings.

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