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Upland to Present First-Ever Key to the City to Ralph Cavallo

Historic recognition honors decades of service, leadership, and community impact

Upland, CA – September 18, 2025 – The City of Upland will make history by presenting its first-ever Key to the City to longtime resident and community leader Ralph Cavallo during the City Council Meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Upland City Council Chambers.

Mr. Cavallo, a resident of Upland since 1971, has dedicated more than five decades to improving the lives of Upland residents. After a distinguished 35-year career at Southern California Edison, Cavallo devoted his retirement to volunteer service. His contributions include leading the creation of the Upland Veterans Monument and Veterans Plaza, rebuilding the Upland High School Vietnam Memorial, building the Upland Library Children’s Reading Room and the Friends of the Library Bookstore, and spearheading improvements to numerous parks and athletic fields throughout the City.

In addition to his civic projects, Cavallo served as President of Upland National Little League for 14 terms, coached youth soccer and softball, played a key role in strengthening the Upland Community Foundation, and has supported other community programs through his participation in Kiwanis and Rotary clubs. His efforts have been recognized with numerous awards, including “Volunteer of the Year” from the Upland Chamber of Commerce (2018), the Rotary Club’s Hal Balin Community Leader Award (2016), Honorary Service Award from the California State PTA (2014), and the Los Angeles County Fair’s “Upland Community Hero” award (2006).

“Ralph Cavallo represents the very best of Upland,” said Mayor Velto. “Through his selfless service, leadership, and love for our community, he has made an impact that will last for generations. It is only fitting that he be the very first to receive the Key to the City of Upland.”

The Key to the City is a newly established honor created to recognize individuals who meet rigorous criteria, including notable contributions to the community, exceptional dedication to public service, positive impact through leadership and volunteerism, sustained commitment to local projects, and serving as a role model who embodies Upland’s Mission and Vision. Mr. Cavallo has exemplified each of these qualifications.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony. The presentation will take place at the beginning of the regular City Council meeting.



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About the City of Upland, California:

The City of Upland, located in San Bernardino County, is known for its rich history, picturesque landscapes, and community-oriented atmosphere. Established in 1906, Upland boasts a population of approximately 77,000 residents and covers an area of 15.6 square miles. The city is situated at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains, providing scenic beauty and a range of outdoor recreational activities.

Upland is a community with a rich history and a promising future. Known for its beautiful historic architecture and vibrant community spirit, Upland is a great place to live, work, and play.

City of Upland Mission Statement:

The City of Upland is committed to delivering superior services that meet community needs with transparency and integrity.

City of Upland Vision Statement:

Upland is a safe community with historic character where residents enjoy a high quality of life.

For more information about the City of Upland, please visit our website at www.uplandca.gov or contact us at (909) 931-4100. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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