

Nominee Form

Name (as you wish to see in print/digital/etc.)	SHARON J UDKOFF
Name of Employer	Sharon J. Udkoff, CPA
Your Job Title	Certified Public Accountant
Number of Organizations	9
Organization Name & City	Los Angeles Valley College Foundation
Volunteer Dates of Service	2003 to Present
Position(s) Held	Board officer such as chair, vice chair, secretary
Organization Name & City	The Executives
Volunteer Dates of Service	1992 to Present
Position(s) Held	Board officer such as chair, vice chair, secretary
Organization Name & City	Hillel 818
Volunteer Dates of Service	2006 to 2010
Position(s) Held	Board officer such as chair, vice chair, secretary
Organization Name & City	Studio City Residence Association
Volunteer Dates of Service	2021 to Present
Position(s) Held	Board officer such as chair, vice chair, secretary
Organization Name & City	Studio City Beautification Association
Volunteer Dates of Service	2021 to Present
Position(s) Held	Board officer such as chair, vice chair, secretary
Organization Name & City	Save Los Angeles River Open Space

Volunteer Dates of Service	2021 to Present
Position(s) Held	Board officer such as chair, vice chair, secretary
Organization Name & City	Los Angeles Hillel Council
Volunteer Dates of Service	2007 to 2009
Position(s) Held	Board member
Organization Name & City	Magnolia Tree Villas HAO
Volunteer Dates of Service	2004 to 2007
Position(s) Held	Board officer such as chair, vice chair, secretary
Organization Name & City	Studio Village HOA
Volunteer Dates of Service	2006 to 2009
Position(s) Held	Board officer such as chair, vice chair, secretary
Why do you volunteer in the community?	<p>I learned from my parents that it is important to give back to your community. I have also been lucky to work for some very philanthropic individuals who were good examples of volunteerism. After 17 years, I returned to Los Angeles Valley College as a night student for five years and know personally how difficult it is to make ends meet for a student. Therefore, I wanted to help other students be successful and achieve their dreams. My parents were lucky enough to stay in their own home as they aged, but many seniors need assistance, so I wanted to give back to the elderly in some form. I think community is important, so I have tried to help and improve my neighborhood. My focus is on the elderly, the young and my local neighborhood.</p>
How did you get started in volunteer service?	<p>Someone I worked with asked me to attend a brunch in December 1992 for a new organization at the Los Angeles Jewish Home, The Executives. I was so impressed with the Jewish Home, I immediately joined the organization. I was working for Arthur Anderson, an accounting firm, and did not have much time to go to the meetings or functions. The next year I began working for Robert Silverstein who was involved with many organizations. He encouraged me to become more involved. I joined several committees and began to meet incredibly special people. I was asked to be on the Executives' Board of Directors and immediately was asked to Co-Chair the annual dinner gala. It felt good being able to help the Home and its residents.</p>

Why do you continue to serve as a volunteer?	I continue volunteer service because it enhances my life and I find it difficult to say "NO" when I see a need. Over the years I have met some wonderful people on the various Boards on which I have served. Many of the people I have met have become good friends. Helping others has become a way of life for me. There is so much we could do to improve this world and if everyone just gave a little of themselves it would make an enormous difference.
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Nominator Form # 1

Nominee Name	Sharon Udkoff
Nominee Employer	Sharon J. Udkoff, CPA
Are you nominating as an individual (yourself) are as an organization?	Organization
Name of Organization Nominating:	Los Angeles Jewish Home
Organization Contact Name	Lesley Plachta
Tell us why you or your organization believes this nominee is deserving to be the 2022 Fernando Award Recipient	<p>For 30 years, Sharon been involved at the Los Angeles Jewish Home. With her expertise in accounting and her dedication to community service, Sharon has balanced budgets and helped to increase revenues, raising millions for the Home, as its treasurer. Most notably she was responsible for securing a large annual gift for the Home from the 99cents Store foundation, which continues to this day. Sharon is smart and devoted; she brings expertise, generosity, and willingness to put in the time to get down to the details. We are lucky to have Sharon as a donor and lay leader for the Jewish Home and enthusiastically nominate her for this high honor.</p>

Nominator Form # 2

Nominee Name	Sharon Udkoff
Nominee Employer	Sharon J. Udkoff, CPA
Are you nominating as an individual (yourself) are as an organization?	Organization
Name of Organization	Los Angeles Valley College
Organization Contact Name	Barry Gribbons
Tell us why you or your organization believes this nominee is deserving to be the 2022 Fernando Award Recipient	<p>Sharon has exemplary passion in supporting students at Los Angeles Valley College. She was raised in San Fernando Valley and attended Los Angeles Valley College earning her associate degree and transferring to CSUN. This led to her career in tax and accounting, now in her thirty-fourth year.</p> <p>Her passion for giving back to the community similarly spans nearly 30 years. For the past 20 years, she has served on the LAVC Foundation Board of Directors, providing leadership on the Executive, Finance, and Audit Committees. Under her tenure on the Board, the Foundation has grown from having \$400,000 in net assets to over \$8 million. Her passion for supporting the College and reliable service have been nothing short of exemplary.</p>