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City of Beverly Hills celebrates Architecture Day on May 17

On May 17, the Beverly Hills City Council will recognize ten outstanding commercial and residential construction projects at the formal meeting at 7 p.m. The intent of the awards is to inspire Beverly Hills property owners, architects and designers to strive for excellence in design.

The Architectural Commission selected seven commercial projects for recognition and the Design Review Commission selected three single-family homes. Each commission nominated projects that were completed in the past two years and met the criteria of each commission. Commission members decided the winners in an anonymous vote.

"We hope that anyone who plans on building a new project in Beverly Hills has a better understanding of the expectations," Design Review Commission Chair Howard Szabo said. "If they know the high-quality that we expect, then it will be easier to get the project approved if they start with that in mind."

This year's commercial awardees are Assembled Architecture + Development, Hillstone Restaurant Group, and Brad Dunning for South Beverly Grill; Joon Sim and Associates and Archway Holdings for 9033 Wilshire Boulevard; Michele Sae, Building Inc. for Bay Cities; Ehrlich Architects for 331 North Foothill Road and 9378 Wilshire Blvd.; Wells Mackereth Architects, Kenneth Park Associates and Solange Azagury-Partridge for Solange Azagury-Partridge; and Harrison Design Associates for the Saban Theatre.

This year's single-family home awardees are Leonardo Umansky of Arxis Design Studio for an international-style home on Foothill Road, Patrick Zohrabians of Dunamis Architects for a Spanish Mission-style home on Foothill Road, and Shubin + Donaldson Architects, Inc. for an international-style home on Walden Drive.

"These projects which we have selected, they have positive impacts to the city of Beverly Hills," Architectural Commission Chair Fran Cohen said.

The public is invited to a reception honoring the award winners in the Municipal Gallery inside City Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. The work of Beverly High's advanced architecture students will also be on display. To RSVP, contact the Planning Division at vrandall@beverlyhills.org.