

2006 Florida Cities of Excellence Awards Program ▶ Nomination Form

Category (Please check one) See Award Criteria for more information. Please print or type. One nomination per page.

FLORIDA CITY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD
Name of Municipality Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY SPIRIT AWARD
Name of Municipality Nominated _____
Nominated Project _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

MAYOR OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Title _____ Department _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated Samuel S. Goren
Nominated by City of Tamarac
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY FINANCE OFFICIAL (DIRECTOR OR OFFICER) OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

Person Completing Nomination Form

Please print or type.

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Nomination Certification

This nomination has been ~~voted on and~~ approved by a majority of the city council/commission.

Signed 
City Clerk

The judges will use the narrative and supportive information to select the award winners. Nominators/nominees are asked not to contact the judges directly.

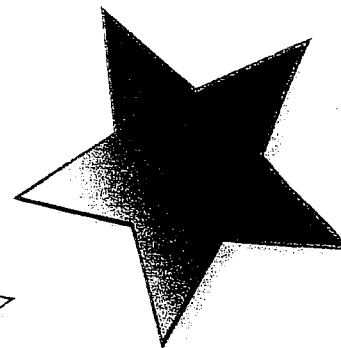
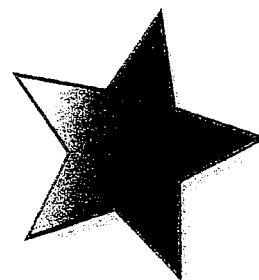
Narrative

In the narrative, please be clear and concise, using the Award Criteria to support the selection of your nominee. Please type (or print in black ink), up to 1,200 words, double-spaced on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper.

Supportive Information

Up to 10 pages of supportive information (newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from constituents, etc.), on 8-1/2" x 11" paper (single-sided) may be provided. Please do not include videotapes, DVDs, CDs or Power-Point presentations.

Submit nominations by **August 18, 2006:**
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Attn: Florida Cities of Excellence
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P.O. Box 1757
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2006 FLORIDA CITIES OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Nomination: *Samuel S. Goren, City of Tamarac*

The Commissioners of the City of Tamarac, unanimously nominate Samuel S. Goren as City Attorney of the Year. Mr. Goren began representing Tamarac in April 2005. Even within such a short time, the City has come to rely upon his legal knowledge and vast experience in the field of municipal law. Since coming on board, Sam has made every effort to make the transition to new legal counsel a seamless one. Sam has been a significant addition to our Tamarac family.

Sam Goren's experience and reputation for expertise in the area of local government law preceded his engagement with our City. A principal in the private practice of Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A. since 1978, he has concentrated in the areas of government, municipal and administrative law, as well as corporate and commercial law, labor arbitration and eminent domain. He not only serves as City Attorney to some of our sister cities in the Broward County area, such as North Lauderdale, Coral Springs, and Pembroke Pines, but he also provides legal services to the South Florida Regional Planning Council, Broward County Areawide Agency on Aging and Broward County League of Cities. This service, along with his many other services within the public sector over the many years he has practiced law in Broward County, cemented his position as a person who is most knowledgeable about issues relevant to local government in our area. The public officials of our city have come to know Sam over the years and sought his counsel and advice, even before he was retained as our City Attorney.

Sam's integrity and professional judgment are beyond reproach. He was recently honored by the Broward County Bar Association (BCBA) with the Lynn Futch Professionalism Award. The award honors those who exhibit the highest degree of professionalism in accordance with BCBA Standards of Professional Conduct and the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct. Mr. Goren is the personification of several qualities that earned him the award and respect of all those he encounters:

- ◆ Role model for the legal community
- ◆ Mentoring
- ◆ Credibility
- ◆ Integrity
- ◆ Zealous advocacy
- ◆ Courtesy
- ◆ Timeliness and Promptness
- ◆ Decorum and Demeanor
- ◆ Preparedness

Our elected officials and members of the City staff expressed their support and endorsement of Sam's receipt of this award by attending the awards ceremony. In addition, June 20, 2006 was proclaimed Sam Goren Day in the City of Tamarac.

Mr. Goren's expertise and wisdom have been a vital contribution to the City of Tamarac over the last year. One of his first major contributions came as the City passed an ordinance prohibiting sexual offenders and sexual predators from living in certain areas around the City. The issue was very sensitive and Sam's legal knowledge and sophistication allowed us to devise an ordinance that respected individual rights while protecting our citizens.

Last October, when Tamarac was struck by Hurricane Wilma, the worst storm in 50 years, times were very chaotic and stressful in City Hall and the surrounding community. However, with the help and dedication of Sam and his staff, Tamarac had the first City Hall in Broward County to reopen after Wilma made landfall, only 48 hours later.

As the municipal legal environment grows increasingly complex everyday, governments become increasingly reliant on legal counsel to assist in navigating this elaborate environment. When the City of Tamarac selected Sam and his firm in the spring of 2005, it was a decision that will impact and resonate within Tamarac for years to come.

Mr. Goren and his firm have only been with the City of Tamarac for a relatively short time. Nonetheless, he has already been integral in assisting the City with issues relating to affordable housing and land use. In a City experiencing rapidly changing demographics and 99% build-out, these issues are very important to the Tamarac of today and tomorrow.

Outside of his professionalism and excellence, Sam is well known for his knowledge of eminent domain. From day one, Sam has served as a compass for Tamarac in the ever changing arena of eminent domain. Mr. Goren is also regarded as the state's premier authority on matters of election law. He is frequently consulted by public officials and governmental agencies due to this experience.

It is frequently joked that Sam knows everyone. No matter where he goes, someone approaches him to say hello. It is very rare to meet anyone who has spent more than five minutes in Broward County government who does not know and respect Sam.

Since coming on board in Tamarac, Sam has brought a new perspective to the position of City Attorney. His service to many local government agencies over the years affords him a broad perspective and provides an insight that cannot be surpassed. It is this level of skill and knowledge that has endeared him to us and lead us to believe that

he is worthy of this award. We are aware that the other cities that Sam represents are also nominating him for this award. While Sam's tenure with our city has not been as extensive as it has been with some of his other clients, we nonetheless felt compelled to join in the effort in a showing of unity as to how highly regarded Sam is by his clients and the community at large. Sam does not ask for accolades, or expect them, but he exemplifies professionalism, and he deserves to be recognized.