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**THE LONG BEACH HOSPITALITY ALLIANCE SPOTLIGHTS INDUSTRY
AT ITS 3RD ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION HELD LAST WEEK AT HOTEL MAYA**



Dan Lipton and Lynn Mohrfeld, President & CEO of the California Hotel & Lodging Association, Present Executive Team from 555 East with Outstanding Restaurant of the Year Award

Long Beach, Calif.—(September 24, 2019)— Last Wednesday the Long Beach Hospitality Alliance welcomed over 200 guests to Hotel Maya for its 3rd annual **Long Beach Hospitality Awards**.

Presenting awards were Councilmembers Dee Andrews and Al Austin along with Mayor Robert Garcia's outgoing Chief of Staff Mark Taylor, Councilwoman Suzie Price's Chief of Staff, Jack Cunningham and Lynn Mohrfeld, President and CEO of the California Hotel and Lodging Association, who traveled from Sacramento to attend the event.

"It was a wonderful night for our industry," said Heather Rozman, Executive Director for the Long Beach Hospitality Alliance. "This annual event is a great opportunity for our hotel and restaurant workers, general managers, restaurateurs and members of the community to come together and celebrate the men and women who serve as front-line ambassadors to our city, making Long Beach a welcoming travel destination for visitors, and a vibrant, caring community for our residents."

The evening, sponsored by PSAV, was emceed by TravelHost Publisher Dan Lipton, began with an alfresco cocktail reception and Regal Wine Co. wine bar along with live entertainment set against Hotel Maya's oceanfront backdrop. As the party moved inside, guests were served a three-course dinner by Fuego, paired with a selection of premium wines courtesy of Regal Wine Co., and a Hollywood style awards presentation continued throughout the evening. Not only is this night about fun, it's about giving back to the community. A silent auction was also held with 100% of proceeds benefitting the WomenShelter of Long Beach and over \$3,000 was raised.

Congratulations to the 2019 Hospitality Award Winners:

Rising Star

- **Isabel Galarza, VIP Coordinator, Hyatt Regency Long Beach**

Unsung Hero

- **Joel Magana, Staff Member, Belmont Brewing Co.**

Beyond the Call of Duty

- **Jenifer Jones, Front Office Manager, Hampton Inn & Homewood Suites Long Beach Airport**

Lifetime Achievement

- **David Loff and David Hansen, Owners, Belmont Brewing Co.**

Community Spirit

- **Hotel Maya CARE Committee**

Outstanding Hotel of the Year

- **The Westin Long Beach**

Outstanding Restaurant of the Year

- **555 East**

Entrepreneur Award

- **Angela Almaguer, owner, Salud Juice**

Outstanding Special Event

- **Dine Out Long Beach, Restaurant Week 2.0**

Outstanding Housekeeper

- **Hortencia Gutierrez de Molina, Long Beach Hilton**

Safety Award

- **Timothy Ong, Chief Engineer, Hyatt Centric The Pike**

“We are truly honored to be recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award,” said David Lott, who co-founded Belmont Brewing Co. more than 30 years ago with business partner David Hansen. “We were the first brewpub in Long Beach, and we feel we paved the way for the explosion of breweries that are not found throughout our city. This award means a lot to us.”

Select winners will now advance to the California state level “stars of the industry awards” whose ceremony is held in November.

For information on the Long Beach Hospitality Alliance or to explore membership, please visit www.lbhospitality.com.

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About Long Beach Hospitality Alliance (LBHA)

LBHA is a member-based coalition working on behalf of hotel and restaurant operators and tourism related services throughout the city of Long Beach. The Long Beach Hospitality Alliance (LBHA) is a business council under the auspices of The Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. The LBHA represents the local hospitality and restaurant industry and serves as a liaison to the greater Long Beach area community which includes, but is not limited to: all areas of city, state and federal government; local media; special constituency groups and related tourism entities and organizations. For more information visit: www.lbhospitality.com