

# Byline



# Official Winners List

## Animal Services

**Best Animal Shelter or Rescue Group**  
Animal Fix Clinic (formerly Fix Our Ferals)  
The Milo Foundation  
**Best Pet Store**  
PetVet PetFood  
**Best Place to Board Pets**  
Abbey Pet Hospital  
**Best Veterinary Clinic**  
Abbey Pet Hospital  
**Best in Class (One of Kind)**  
Berkeley Country Club  
Farmers Market at El Cerrito Plaza  
Old West Gun Room  
Sunset View Cemetery and Mortuary  
The Glenn Custom Framing  
Velocity Lock and Key

## Coaching and Therapy

**Best Career Coach**  
WorkAligned (Julia Lucia Raina)  
**Best Child Therapist**  
James Morehouse Project ECHS  
**Best Executive Coach/Leadership Coach**  
WorkAligned (Julia Lucia Raina)  
**Best Family Therapist**  
Tina Kopko  
**Best Homeopathic/Alternative Therapist**  
The Vestibule Center for Sound Living  
**Best Lactation Therapist**  
Amy Ray Doula  
**Best Life Coach**  
Valerie Devi Carpenter  
**Best Parenting/Family Coach** Vanessa Callaghan (Raising our Resilience)  
**Best Relationship Coach**  
Josh Stern  
**Best Speech/Language Therapist**  
Lyssa Rome

## Food & Drink

**Best Bagel Shop**  
Boichik Bagels  
**Best Bakery**  
PennDel's Bakehouse  
**Best Bar**  
The Factory Bar  
**Best Barbecue Joint**  
Pickles 'N' Smoke  
**Best Breakfast/Brunch Spot**  
Sam's Log Cabin  
**Best Burger Place**  
Al's Big Burger  
Red Onion  
**Best Butcher Shop**  
El Cerrito Natural Grocery  
**Best Caterer**  
Anaviv  
Tacos El Tucán  
**Best Cheese Shop**  
The Cheese Board Collective  
**Best Chinese Restaurant**  
Noodles Fresh  
**Best Cocktails**  
The Factory Bar  
**Best Coffeehouse**  
Well Grounded Tea & Coffee Bar  
**Best Doughnut**  
Donut Time  
**Best Ice Cream Shop**  
iScream  
**Best Italian Restaurant**  
Benchmark Pizzeria  
Via del Corso

## Best Japanese Restaurant

Katana-Ya  
Yoshio Sushi  
**Best Latin (Non-Mexican) Restaurant**  
El Mono Fresh Flavors of Peru  
**Best Liquor Store**  
Jay Vee Liquors  
Trader Joe's  
**Best Local Winery or Wine Bar**  
Banter Wine  
**Best Mexican Restaurant**  
Tacos El Tucan  
**Best Outdoor Dining Spot**  
Los Moles Beer Garden  
**Best Pet Friendly Restaurant**  
Cafe Leila  
The Backyard  
**Best Pizza**  
Benchmark Pizzeria  
Little Star Pizza  
**Best Pizza (Popular Take-Out)**  
Richmond Pizza House  
Super Slice Pizza  
**Best Place to Drink Beer**  
Elevation 66 Brewing Company  
**Best Restaurant**  
Juanita & Maude  
**Best Restaurant for Ambiance**  
Benchmark Pizzeria  
Lara's Fine Dining  
**Best Restaurant for Date Night**  
Juanita & Maude  
**Best Restaurant for Dessert**  
Fatapple's Restaurant & Bakery  
Lavender Bakery & Cafe  
**Best Restaurant for Seafood**  
California Fish Grill  
**Best Taco Truck**  
Tacos El Autlense (at the Hotsy Totsy Club)  
**Best Thai/Burmese & Other Asian Restaurant**  
Huong Tra Restaurant  
Larb Thai Food & Tapas  
**Best Wine Store & Wine Bar**  
Banter Wine

## Health and Beauty Services

**Best Acupuncture Practice**  
Marie Bowser Acupuncture  
**Best Alternative Medicine Practice**  
Wen Wu School-Internal Martial  
**Best Barber Shop**  
Grand Barber Shop  
Phil's Barber Shop  
**Best Chiropractic Service**  
Elevate Sport & Spine  
**Best Eyeglass Store**  
West County Optometry  
**Best General Dental Practice**  
Forbes & Lee Dentistry  
**Best Hair Salons/Stylist**  
Bare Skin Aesthetics  
**Best Hearing Center**  
Center for Better Hearing  
**Best Home Care Service for Seniors**  
Beacon Home Care  
**Best Hypnotist**  
Jake Ralston Hypnotherapy  
**Best Orthodontist**  
I Song Orthodontics; Dr. Immi Song  
**Best Place for Physical Therapy**  
Physical Therapy Innovations  
**Best Place to Get a Facial**  
Bare Skin Aesthetics  
**Best Place to Get a Manicure or Pedicure**  
Nails by Vivian  
**Best Place to Get a Massage**  
Blue Line Health Center  
**Best Senior Living Community**  
El Cerrito Royale  
**Best Spa**  
Hibiscus Boutique Spa  
**Best Waxing Salon**  
Supple Skincare  
Sweet Almond Esthetics  
**Household & General Services**  
**Best Auto Body Repair Shop**  
101 Auto body  
**Best Auto Repair Shop**  
El Cerrito Tires & Auto Body  
Tires Direct  
**Best Cleaner**  
Great American Dry Cleaners  
**Best Cleaning Service**  
Larry's Extreme Clean (Carpets)  
**Best General Contractor**  
Jimmy Stuart Construction  
Outline General Contractors, Inc.  
**Best Interior Design Firm**  
Design-Set-Match (Alisa Hofman)  
**Best Junk Removal Service**  
JunkCat  
**Best Landscape Services Design & Contractor**  
American Soil & Stone  
Sue Oda Landscape Architect  
Symbiotic Garden Care  
**Best Painting Company**  
David Zurun Painting  
Speedy Painting  
**Best Plumbing Service**  
Olivero Plumbing Co.  
**Best Public Restroom**  
El Cerrito Parks  
**Best Residential Moving Service**  
5-Star Moving  
**Best Roofing Contractor**  
Nicholas Roofing  
**Best Truck Rental**  
Doherty's Truck & Auto Rental  
**Kids**  
**Best School Spirit**  
El Cerrito High School  
Fairmont Elementary  
Harding Elementary  
Kensington Hilltop Elementary  
Korematsu Middle School  
Madera Elementary School  
**Best Educational Resource**  
El Cerrito Library, Contra Costa County Library  
**Best Educator (Enrichment/Camps)**  
Veronica Medina-Ross  
(Fun Environmental Science)  
**Best Independent School**  
Golestan School  
**Best Kids Activities**  
Brushstrokes Studio Inc  
**Best Preschool**  
El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative (ECPC)  
**Best Summer Camp**  
Monkey Business Camp  
Tracey Shababo, Machine Sewing  
**Best Winter Camp**  
Contra Costa Civic Theatre (CCCT)  
El Cerrito Recreation  
**Lifestyle & Leisure**  
**Best Art Classes**  
Richmond Art Center  
**Best Continuing Education Option**  
Contra Costa College

## Best Co-Work Space

JUKU  
**Best Dance Lessons & Studio**  
The Dance Floor  
**Best El Cerrito City Park**  
Arlington Park  
**Best Event Space**  
Craneway Pavillion  
JUKU  
**Best Fitness Classes**  
Fuse Fitness  
**Best Gym/Health Club**  
Hale Fitness  
**Best Hotel**  
Hotel Mira Vista  
**Best Live Theater**  
Contra Costa Civic Theatre (CCCT)  
**Best Local Band**  
I'd Rather Sleep  
**Best Martial Arts School**  
East Bay Judo Institute  
**Best Movie Theater**  
Rialto Cinemas Cerrito  
**Best Music Lessons**  
WePerform Center  
**Best Nonprofit Group**  
Contra Costa Chorale  
**Best Personal Trainer**  
Rebecca Merino (Hale Fitness)  
**Best Personal Trainers**  
Fuse Fitness  
**Best Place to Have a Picnic**  
Arlington Park  
**Best Place to Walk Your Dog**  
Point Isabel  
**Best Swimming Lessons**  
El Cerrito Recreation (Pool)  
**Best Tennis Courts**  
Arlington Park  
**Best Yoga Studios & Teachers**  
Susan Weiner Yoga

## Professional Services

**Best Attorney**  
Unique Law (Kathleen Hunt)  
**Best Banks, S&Ls, or Credit Union**  
Mechanics Bank, El Cerrito Branch  
**Best Bookkeeper**  
Books in Harmony  
**Best Digital Marketing**  
Catchfoot + Run  
ClientClicks  
**Best Financial Planner**  
Mark Siffing, CFP (Simple Life Financial)  
Scott Poland, CFP (Wells Fargo Advisors)  
**Best Insurance Agent**  
M.A. Hays Co. Insurance Brokers  
Ruth Stroup (Farmers Insurance)  
**Best IT Services**  
Nerd Crossing  
**Best Life Insurance Agent**  
Terry Kotsatos (Edward Jones, Financial Advisor)  
**Best Mortgage Broker**  
Evelyn Freitas (Guaranteed Rate)  
**Best Photographer**  
FotosByFlee, Flee Kieselhorst  
Nan Phelps Photography  
**Best Printing & Promotional Products**  
Premier Graphics  
**Best Real Estate Agent (Rising Star)**  
Leigh Schneider (Red Oak)  
Rachel Melby (Little Hill Real Estate)  
**Best Real Estate Agents**  
Liana Dickson (ZIP Code East Bay)  
Maya Archiga (Red Oak Realty)  
**Best Real Estate Company**  
Red Oak Realty  
**Best Real Estate Team**  
Negar Souza & Feri Niroomand (Red Oak Realty)  
**Best Residential Architect**  
Tony Valadez (Coast Architecture and Design)  
**Best Reverse Mortgage Agent**  
Russell Doi (Mutual of Omaha Mortgage)  
**Best Software Developer**  
Spiralcraft, Inc.  
**Best Style Consultant**  
Cape Queen Cosmetics & Salon  
**Best Tax Practice**  
Fisher & Company (Deborah Fisher)  
H&R Block  
**Best Web Designer**  
ClientClicks  
**Retail Stores**  
**Best Art Gallery**  
Richmond Art Center  
Two Cats Gallery  
**Best Arts and Crafts Store**  
Jenny K. Gifts  
Joann Fabrics  
**Best Bookstore**  
Pegasus Books  
**Best Cannabis Dispensary**  
NUG El Cerrito  
**Best Car Dealer**  
El Cerrito Honda  
**Best Cell Phone Store**  
AT&T Store  
Verizon  
**Best Children's Store**  
Jenny K. Gifts  
**Best Clothing and Shoe Store**  
Shoes on Solano  
**Best Flower Shop**  
El Cerrito Natural Grocery,  
Prepared Food Annex  
**Best Gas Station**  
Costco Wholesale  
**Best Gift Shop**  
Jenny K. Gifts  
**Best Greeting Card Store**  
Jenny K. Gifts  
**Best Grocery Stores**  
El Cerrito Natural Grocery  
**Best Hardware Store**  
Pastime Ace Hardware  
**Best Hobby Shop**  
Anime Island  
Joann Fabrics  
**Best International Grocery Store**  
Yaoya San Japanese Grocery  
**Best Jewelry Store**  
Jenny K. Gifts  
**Best Music Store**  
Down Home Music Store  
**Best Pop Up Vendor**  
Pie in the Sky  
worldOne Festival  
**Best Post Office**  
USPS Fairmont Ave.  
**Best Printing & Copy Shop**  
Copy Central (El Cerrito)  
**Best Specialized Grocery Store**  
El Cerrito Natural Grocery  
**Best Sporting Goods**  
Sports Basement  
**Best Thrift Shop**  
Good Stuff Thrift Shop