



NAIOP SoCal Announces KTLA Reporter Ellina Abovian Will Return to Emcee Awards Gala



Santa Ana, CA (April 11, 2024) — NAIOP SoCal is pleased to announce that KTLA reporter [Ellina Abovian](#) will return as emcee for its 3rd Annual NAIOP SoCal Awards Gala to be held May 16th. On that night, NAIOP SoCal, the leading voice for commercial real estate in Southern California, will honor the best of the commercial real estate industry at the beautiful and historic Vibiana in downtown Los Angeles.

“Ellina brings an incredible level of charisma as emcee of our Annual Awards Gala. We are thrilled to welcome her back once again, further adding to the excitement of the evening celebration,” said Timothy Jemal,

CEO of NAIOP SoCal.

The highlight of the May 16th Awards Gala will be the induction of Rexford Industrial Co-CEO and Director Howard Schwimmer into the NAIOP SoCal Hall of Fame. Schwimmer has been on Rexford’s Board of Directors since 2013. Rexford is a real estate investment trust (“REIT”) focused on creating value by investing in and operating industrial properties throughout infill Southern California. To listen to NAIOP SoCal’s recent podcast interview with Schwimmer, [click here](#).

On May 16th, NAIOP SoCal will also announce the winners of its competitive commercial real estate industry awards across a broad spectrum of categories including Developer of the Year, Deal of the Year, Commercial Real Estate Woman of the Year, Service Provider of the Year, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Award, Multi-Family Project of the Year, Industrial Project of the Year, Broker of the Year, Office Project of the Year, Interior Project of the Year, Mixed-Use/Retail Project of the Year, Redevelopment/Renovation of the Year, Sustainable Project of the Year and Developing Leader of the Year.

Two of the awards - Developer of the Year and Deal of the Year - will be decided by online vote prior to the Gala. The Distinguished Service Award and Member of the Year will also be revealed that night. To learn more about each of the finalists, [click here](#).

The online voting deadline for the People’s Choice categories of NAIOP SoCal’s Awards Gala will close on Monday, April 15th! Be a part of our voting process and help us select our “Deal of the Year” and “Developer of the Year” for 2023. Vote [Here](#) to see our finalists in these categories.

For more information about event sponsorship and to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://www.naiopsocal.org/awardsgala> or contact Becky Ezell at bezell@naiopsocal.org.

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