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September 2016  
To Prospective Nominators:

The City of Worcester's Human Rights Commission is now accepting nominations for the **2016 Eleanor T. Hawley Human Rights Award**. This award will be presented at our annual event to commemorate the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, December 10, 2016.

Eleanor T. Hawley was hired in 1969 as a senior clerk and stenographer for Human Relations in the Office of the City Manager. She was appointed secretary of the Human Rights Commission in April 1973 and was promoted to Community Relations Specialist in the Office of Human Rights in 1975. She served as Executive Director of the Office of Human Rights from 1981 until her retirement in 1991. Mrs. Hawley served the City with distinction for 22 years. Following her retirement, the Human Rights Commission established an award in her name.

The Human Rights Commission encourages you to nominate a friend, colleague or group/organization who has made efforts to advance human rights, civil rights, human relations and/or social justice in Worcester. The Human Rights Commission, an appointed group of nine Worcester residents, will select the honoree for the 2016 award.

**The successful applicant will possess the following characteristics:**

- **Demonstrates active involvement (professionally or as a volunteer) in human rights, civil rights and/or human relations issues in the City of Worcester.**
- **Leads by example and "walks the walk, not just talk the talk."**
- **Builds bridges among and between diverse communities in Worcester.**
- **Resident of greater Worcester area.**
- **No age requirement.**

Please complete the attached Nomination Form and return to the Human Rights Commission by **Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016** via email, fax or mail. We encourage at least one letter of support as part of your nomination. Award winner must be present for the award ceremony on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. You may contact Jayna Turcek (contact below) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
City of Worcester's Human Rights Commission



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Office of Human Rights & Disabilities

**2016 ELEANOR T. HAWLEY HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD  
NOMINATION CRITERIA**

Please keep these criteria in mind when you complete the nomination form.

An individual or group/organization who:

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**FORMER RECIPIENTS OF THE ELEANOR T. HAWLEY AWARD**

2014 Laura Farnsworth, Safe Homes of the Bridge of Central MA and Anh Sawyer, Southeast Asian Coalition  
2012 Matthew C. Feinstein, Worcester Roots and Stone Soup  
2010 Hilda Ramirez, Worcester Youth Center and Ritmos Academy and Reverend John Madden of St. John’s Catholic Church  
2008 State Senator Edward M. Augustus, Jr.  
2004 Cecil Berenson, posthumously  
2002 Gladys Rodriguez Parker, Congressman James P. McGovern’s Office  
2000 Linda Cavaioli, YWCA of Central Massachusetts  
1999 Donna Domiziano, Mustard Seed  
1998 Phyllis Shea, Girls Inc.  
1997 Elizabeth Mullaney, Elder Affairs, City of Worcester  
1996 Ronal Madnick, Worcester County American Civil Liberties Union  
1995 Scott Schaefer-Duffy, SS. Francis and Therese Catholic Worker  
1994 Rev. Michael Bafaro, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church  
1993 Eleanor T. Hawley, Human Rights Commission (Retired)



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2016 Eleanor T. Hawley Human Rights Award  
**Nomination Form**

**Deadline for submissions: Friday October 28th, 2016**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions; use additional paper if needed.**

1. How does this nominee meet the criteria listed on the attachment?

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2. How has this nominee made an impact in improving the quality of life for residents of Worcester?

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3. If available, please include the nominee's resume.

**Nominated by:**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your nomination. A member of the Commission will contact you if we have any further questions.

**Please submit your nomination, along with at least one letter of support, and, if available, the nominee's resume to:**

Via email: [humanrights@worcesterma.gov](mailto:humanrights@worcesterma.gov)

Or hard copy:

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