Annual Food & Farm Policy Champion Awards

Roots of Change

Description

Since 2016 Roots of Change (ROC) has been co-hosting an annual **Food Champion Award event** in Sacramento to **honor legislators** who are creating a more climate-smart, just, healthy and resilient food and farming system.

This event is also where the annual **Food & Farm Scorecard** is released to the public. Originally created by ROC and the California Food Policy Council, the annual scorecard is now produced by the California Food & Farming Network which works with 50 allied organizations to both nominate legislators and tally votes to determine the champions.

Past Food & Farm Policy Champion Award recipients:

- *Sen. Sasha Renée Pérez (2025)*
- *Asm. Alex Lee (2025)*
- *Asm. Mia Bonta (2024)*
- *Asm. Damon Connolly (2024)*
- *Asm. Lori Wilson (2023)*
- *Sen. Caroline Menjivar (2023)*
- *Asm. Buffy Wicks (2022)*
- *Asm. Steve Bennett (2022)*
- *Speaker Robert Rivas (2021)*
- *Sen. Nancy Skinner (2021)*
- *Asm. Richard Bloom (2021)*
- *Sen. Monique Limón (2019)*
- *Asm. Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (2019)*
- *Sen. William Monning (2018)*
- *Sen. Ricardo Lara (2018)*
- *CDFA Secretary Karen Ross (Special Mention, 2018)*
- *Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire (2017)*
- *Asm. David Chiu (2017)*
- *Sen. Susan Talamantes Eggman (2016)*
- *Asm. Phil Ting (2016)*
- *Sen. Lois Wolk (2016*
- *Sen. Mark Leno (2016)*

Objectives

- Draw attention to food & farm policies that support a climate-smart, healthy, and equitable food system.
- Honor legislators who show leadership and success in getting food & farm related bills passed.

Partners

- Mulvaney's B&L
- California Food & Farming Network - since 2018
- California Food Policy Council - 2016 to 2017

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