



“Why I Love the South Bay” 2022 Photo Contest Rules & Regulations January 1, 2022

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is a joint powers authority government agency of 16 cities and Los Angeles County that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity in the South Bay subregion of Los Angeles County.

In line with that goal, the theme of this photo contest is “Why I Love the South Bay.” We ask participants to think about where they find beauty, joy and meaning in their community. All photos should reflect places in the following locations of the South Bay:

Cities of Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, along with and the Harbor City/San Pedro/Wilmington communities of the City of Los Angeles and unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles Districts 2 and 4 in the South Bay.

Please read the following Rules, Terms, and Conditions before submitting any photos.

Who May Enter: Anyone ages 16 and up, both amateur and professional photographers. SBCCOG board members and staff are not eligible to participate. Photos must be entered by individuals, not corporations.

What to Enter: Show us your best digital images depicting the beauty, joy, meaning in your community. Entries may be submitted in any format (digital files, color prints, transparencies), **but must be submitted electronically via the contest web page. High resolution photos are encouraged (300 DPI/PPI or higher) for optimal publication quality.**

Categories: When you enter, you will be asked to assign your image to one or more of the following categories:

- Cities
- Beaches & Coasts
- Landscapes & Open Spaces
- Streets
- Hills
- People & Places
- Events
- Recreation
- Philanthropy & Community Service

Each photographer may submit up to three photos total per quarter (Quarter 1: January, February, March; Quarter 2: April, May, June; Quarter 3: July, August, September; Quarter 4: October, November, December) in a calendar year.

Naming Convention: Please name each of the photos with the following format: Photo Name_Photo Location_Photographer First Initial Last Name. For example, a photo entitled “Coastal Sunrise” taken in Rancho Palos Verdes, by Mary Jones would be named: Coastal Sunrise_Rancho Palos Verdes_MJones

Deadlines: The following are the deadlines by quarters for submitting in 2022:

Q1 period: Covering January 1, 2022 - February 28, 2022; Submissions due at 5 p.m. PST Feb. 28, 2022.

Q2 period: Covering March 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022; Submissions due at 5 p.m. PST on April 30, 2022.

Q3 period: Covering July 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022; Submissions due at 5 p.m. PST on August 31, 2022.

Q4 period: Covering October 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022; Submissions due at 5 p.m. PST on November 30, 2022.

All entries must be submitted via online submission system at SouthBayCities.org/photo-contest. SBCCOG reserves the right to extend these deadlines.

Eligible Photography: Previously published material for which non-exclusive rights were granted may be entered as long as, at the time of submittal you maintain the right to grant SBCCOG a license. (See “Your Rights” below). The photographer must be able to disclose, upon request, when and where the photo appeared previously. Minor changes to photographs are acceptable, but photographs that have been significantly enhanced or altered will not be accepted in this contest. Images that, in the sole judgment of SBCCOG, violate these enhancement/alteration criteria will be disqualified.

Judging: A panel of judges, including the officers of the SBCCOG board of directors, along with SBCCOG leadership staff, will judge the entries. Images will be judged on their representation for criteria that may include, but is not limited to, scenic beauty, originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit. The judges will follow these guidelines:

- Images must represent locations in South Bay region of Los Angeles County, including areas that are publicly accessible. Submissions should be taken within the last three to five years, so that they are representative of the location as it currently appears.
- While we invite you to include people in your shots, please avoid any close-up portraits or immediately recognizable images. Please also avoid any trademarked products or logos in your photos.

SBCCOG will determine winner eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions by judges are final. The photo contest is not open to SBCCOG staff or board members.

One winner will be selected per quarter. SBCCOG intends to notify the 2022 winners according to the schedule below but reserves the right to alter these dates if needed.

Q1: by March 24, 2022

Q2: by May 31, 2022

Q3: by August 31, 2022

Q4: by November 30, 2022

Photographer Rights: Each photographer retains all rights to any photographs submitted—including ownership, if applicable—other than those rights licensed in the next sentence:

By entering "Why I Love the South Bay Photo Contest," you hereby grant to SBCCOG the following:

- (i) a non-exclusive, irrevocable, non-expiring, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute and publicly display the photographs you submit to SBCCOG, and,
- (ii) the right to use your name, city, state of residence in promotions and other publications.

All photographs in media publications will be credited with the caption "Photo Name by Photographer Name – Courtesy of SBCCOG" whenever used by SBCCOG.

All photographs used on SBCCOG's social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) accounts, website or publications will be credited with the photographer's name, website, and social media handles as provided and as space permits. SBCCOG has final approval of any language that appears on its website with any of the photos.

SBCCOG will not encourage downloads of any featured entries via our website or social media platforms. The photo contest site states that photos should not be used for any purpose without the express permission of the photographer. However, SBCCOG is not responsible for any such activity on the part of our website visitors and social media followers.

Prizes: The winning photo for each quarter will be announced on SBCCOG social media pages (Twitter and Facebook), in the issue of South Bay Watch following selection of each winner, and on SouthBayCities.org. Each winner's name and city of residence will also be announced.

Questions: All questions about the "Why I Love the South Bay" Photo Contest can be directed to Colleen Farrell at Colleen@southbaycities.org.