



# Best of Richmond 2024 Official Winners List



## Animal Services

### Best Animal Shelter or Rescue Groups

- The Milo Foundation
- House Rabbit Society

### Best Dog Walker

- Dogs True Dream
- East Bay Dog Service

### Best Dog Grooming

- The Empuppyporium
- Dawg House Pet Grooming LLC

### Best Pet Stores

- Bark Stix
- House Rabbit Society

### Best Places to Board Pets

- House Rabbit Society
- Metro Dog

### Best Veterinary Clinics

- Animal Fix Clinic (formerly Fix Our Ferals)
- Abbey Pet Hospital

## Celebrating Diversity

### Best African-American Owned Business

- Empathy in Action
- Rich City Studios

### Best Latinx-Owned Business

- Tacos El Tucan
- Mi Casa Grill

### Best Asian-Owned Business

- Huang Tra Restaurant
- Chaoyo Muay Thai

### Best Woman-Owned Business

- Multicultural Bookstore
- Little Louie's Café & Catering

### Best LGBTQ-Owned Business

- Origin Brewer
- Empathy in Action

## Children and Youth

### Best Educational Resource

- Empathy in Action
- RYSE Youth Center

### Best Private Schools

- Salesian College Preparatory
- Crestmont School

### Best Preschools

- Curious Explorers Academy
- El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative (ECPC)

### Best Public Elementary School Spirit

- Mira Vista Elementary School
- Michelle Obama Elementary

### Best Public High School Spirit

- Richmond High School
- John F. Kennedy High School

### Best Public Middle School Spirit

- Betty Reid Soskin Middle
- Helms Middle School

### Best Winter Camps

- YES Nature to Neighborhoods
- RYSE Youth Center

### Best Summer Camps

- The Practice Space
- East Bay Center-Performing Arts

## Food & Drink

### Best Bakeries

- Gran Milan Italian Bakery
- Cassandra's Wedding Cakes & Beyond

### Best Bars

- The Factory Bar
- Up & Under Pub and Grill

### Best BBQ

- Pickles N' Smoke
- Black Star Pirate BBQ

### Best Breakfast/Brunch Spots

- Golden Gate Bistro
- Mi Casa Grill

### Best Brewery

- East Brother Beer Company
- Armistice Brewing Company

### Best Burger Places

- Phila Burger Station
- Marty's Grill

### Best Butcher Shops

- Rincon Latino
- El Cerrito Natural Grocery

### Best Caterers

- Anaviv Catering & Events
- El Sol Restaurant & Catering

### Best Chinese Restaurants

- Jin Ye Restaurant
- Tsing Tao

### Best Cocktails

- The Factory Bar
- Biancoverde at Hotel Mac

### Best Coffeehouses

- Catahoula Coffee Co
- Kaleidoscope Coffee

### Best Doughnut

- Andy's Donut Stop
- Donut Time

### Best Gas Station Food

- Halal King
- Krispy Krunchy Chicken - Carlson

### Best Ice Cream Shops

- Waffles & Cream
- Kaleidoscope Coffee

### Best Italian Restaurants

- Biancoverde at Hotel Mac
- La Strada

### Best Japanese Restaurants

- Yoshio Sushi
- Koi Sushi

### Best Liquor Stores

- Rose and Mike's Liquor
- Point Richmond Market

### Best Mexican/Latin Restaurants

- 🏆 El Sol Restaurant & Catering
- 🥈 Tacos El Tucan

### Best Outdoor Dining Spots

- 🏆 Sailing Goat Restaurant
- 🥈 The Backyard

### Best Pizza

- 🏆 Raymond's Pizzeria
- 🥈 Richmond Pizza House

### Best Places to Drink Beer

- 🏆 East Brother Beer Company
- 🥈 The Backyard

### Best Popup Restaurants

- 🏆 Pickles N' Smoke
- 🥈 Black Star Pirate BBQ

### Best Pupusas

- 🏆 Taqueria La Bamba
- 🥈 Mi Casa Grill

### Most Pet-Friendly Restaurant

- 🏆 Sit & Stay Cafe
- 🥈 The Backyard

### Best Family Friendly Restaurant

- 🏆 El Agave Azul
- 🥈 PraJam Thai

### Best Restaurant for Date Night

- 🏆 Biancoverde at Hotel Mac
- 🥈 Lara's Fine Dining

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### Best Tacos

- 🏆 Tacos El Tucan
- 🥈 Maya Taqueria

### Best Thai Restaurants

- 🏆 PraJam Thai
- 🥈 Kao Sarn Thai Cuisine

### Best Vietnamese Restaurants

- 🏆 Huong Tra Restaurant
- 🥈 Anh Restaurant & Bar

### Best Winery/Wine Bar

- 🏆 Windchaser Wine Co
- 🥈 Riggers Loft Wine Company

## Health and Wellness

### Best Acupuncture Practices

- 🏆 Hilltop Family Acupuncture
- 🥈 Hoga Acupuncture

### Best Alternative Medicine Practices

- 🏆 Hilltop Family Acupuncture
- 🥈 Natrully Herbs & More LLC

### Best Barbershops

- 🏆 Park Place Barber
- 🥈 Cuts 1st Class Barbershop

### Best Chiropractic Services

- 🏆 E3 Sport and Spine
- 🥈 Rixen Chiropractic

### Best Dentists

- 🏆 Pearce & Associates
- 🥈 Dr. Stephen G. Wong, DMD

### Best Optometry and Eyeglass Stores

- 🏆 Point Richmond Optometry
- 🥈 Kaiser Permanente Richmond

### Best Hair Salons/Stylists

- 🏆 Beauty By Nature Salon
- 🥈 New Leaf Salon

### Best Home Care for Seniors

- 🏆 Love Apparent Senior Services LLC
- 🥈 Home Instead

### Best Mental Health Practitioners

- 🏆 Mindful Phoenix Therapy
- 🥈 Early Childhood Mental Health Program

### Best Places for Physical Therapy

- 🏆 East Bay Physical Therapy
- 🥈 Evolve Therapeutic

### Best Places to Get a Facial

- 🏆 Skin Esthetics
- 🥈 Ginger Springs Day Spa

### Best Places to Get a Manicure or Pedicure

- 🏆 Above All Nail Salon (tie)
- 🥈 Kim's Nails (tie)
- 🥉 Blooming Nails

### Best Places to Get a Massage

- 🏆 Ginger Springs Day Spa
- 🥈 Bunya Tree Spa

### Best Spas

- 🏆 Ginger Springs Day Spa
- 🥈 Bunya Tree Spa

## Household and General Services

### Best Autobody Shops

- 🏆 Stewart's Body Shop Inc
- 🥈 Accurate Auto Body

### Best Auto Repair Shops

- 🏆 J&E Automotive
- 🥈 Fairmount Auto Service

### Best Cleaners

- 🏆 Richmond Express Cleaners
- 🥈 Great American Dry Cleaners

### Best Electricians

- 🏆 Feregrino Electric
- 🥈 Angel Electric

### Best Funeral Services

- 🏆 Wilson Kratzer
- 🥈 St. Joseph Cemetery & Funeral Center

### Best General Contractors

- 🏆 CB2 Builders
- 🥈 Overaa Construction

### Best Interior Design Firms

- 🏆 Paloma Home Studio
- 🥈 Cass Morris Color and Design

### Best Junk Hauling Companies

- 🏆 Big Tone's Hauling and Moving
- 🥈 A & F Junk Removal

### Best Landscape Services Design and Contractors

- 🏆 Guzman Landscaping
- 🥈 Golden Gate Palms

### Best House Painting Company

- 🏆 Speedy Painting
- 🥈 Renaissance Painting & Drywall

### Best Locksmith

- 🏆 Whale Point Hardware
- 🥈 El Sobrante Lock and Key

### Best Plumbing Services

- 🏆 Mauro's Plumbing Services
- 🥈 Olivero Plumbing Co Inc

### Best Roofing Contractors

- 🏆 Planchon
- 🥈 Ed Morris Roofing

## Lifestyle & Leisure

### Best Continuing Education Options

- 🏆 Richmond Art Center
- 🥈 West Contra Costa Adult Education School

### Best Event Spaces

- 🏆 Red Oak Victory
- 🥈 Riggers Loft Wine Company

### Best Dance Lessons

- 🏆 East Bay Center-Performing Arts
- 🥈 Get It Girl Fitness

### Best Fitness Classes

- 🏆 Cypher Health & Fitness
- 🥈 Get It Girl Fitness

### Best Gyms/Health Clubs

- 🏆 Richmond Parkway YMCA
- 🥈 Planet Fitness

### Best Hiking Location

- 🏆 Wildcat Canyon Regional Park
- 🥈 Miller Knox Park


### Best Hotels

- 🏆 Courtyard Richmond Berkeley
- 🥈 Hotel Mac



### Best Live Music Venue

- 🏆 Baltic Kiss
- 🥈 The Backyard



### Best Live Theater

-  Masquers Playhouse
-  Contra Costa Civic Theater (CCCT)

### Best Martial Arts School

-  Chaiyo Muay Thai
-  Okinawa Karate Academy



### Best Music Lessons

-  East Bay Center-Performing Arts
-  Robbie Dunbar



### Best Nonprofit Groups

-  Urban Tilth
-  Rosie the Riveter Trust



### Best Personal Trainers

-  Cypher Health & Fitness
-  Hale Fitness



### Best Place to Have a Picnic

-  Alvarado Park
-  Miller Knox Park



### Best Place to Walk Your Dog

-  Point Isabel Dog Park
-  Point Pinole Regional Park - Dotson Family Marsh

### Best Place to Bring Out of Town Guests

-  Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park
-  Red Oak Victory Ship



### Best Richmond City Park

-  Miller Knox Park
-  Alvarado Park

### Best Regional Park

-  Point Pinole Regional Shoreline
-  Point Isabel Regional Shoreline



### Best Swimming Lessons

-  The Plunge & Richmond Swim Center
-  Canyon Swim School

### Best Tennis Courts


-  Nicholl Park
-  Tiller Park


### Best Yoga Studios & Teachers

-  Gaia Yoga
-  Hiromi Aoki Jones



## Professional Services

### Best Accounting and Tax Services



-  Cheryl Powell East Bay
- Bookkeeping

-  The Taxbar



### Best Architects

-  Interactive Resources
-  Brenda Munoz



### Best Attorneys

-  Law Office of Daniel Butt
-  Unique Law (Kathleen Hunt)



### Best Banks, S&Ls, or Credit Unions

-  Mechanics Bank
-  1st Northern Calif. Credit Union



### Best Branding Agency

-  Fortified Branding
-  Empower Soul Studios



### Best Co-Working/Incubator Spaces

-  CoBiz - Richmond
-  Bridge Storage Co-Working

### Best Digital Marketing



-  ClientClicks Internet Marketing
-  Rich City Studios

### Best Insurance Agents



-  M.A. Hays Insurance Brokers
-  Futuro Insurance Services

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### Best IT Services

-  Nerd Crossing
-  Wicked Code Inc.



### Best Mortgage Brokers

-  Griselda Ledesma
-  Evelyn Freitas



### Best Photographers

-  Kelly Nicolaisen Photography
-  Chickpea Photography Studio, LLC



### Best Promotional Products

-  Leftside Printing
-  Premier Graphics



### Best Property Management

-  Professional Property Management
-  FMI Property Management



### Best Real Estate Agent

-  Ruthie Abelson-Olivas
-  Carla Del Zoppa



### Best Real Estate Company

-  Feagley Realtors
-  Red Oak Realty



### Best Real Estate Team

-  Cherie Carson and Elena Ronquillo
-  Alissa Custer & Jessica Waggoner

### Best Reverse Mortgage Agents


-  Russell Doi (Mutual of Omaha Mortgage)
-  Barrett Financial Group LLC

### Best Videography Services



-  Andrew Whitmore
-  Rich City Studios

## Retail Stores



### Best Art Galleries

-  Richmond Art Center
-  Mom & Pop Art Shop



### Best Arts and Crafts Stores

-  Mom & Pop Art Shop
-  Gratitude LLC

### Best Bookstores

-  Multicultural Bookstore
-  Friends of the Richmond Public Library Book Nook



### Best Cannabis Dispensaries

-  7 Stars Holistic Healing Center
-  NUG El Cerrito



### Best Car Dealer

-  Auto Amigos
-  Richmond Hilltop Kia


### Best Children's Store

-  Multicultural Bookstore
-  Gratitude LLC



### Best Clothing and Shoe Stores

-  Outback In the Temple of Venus
-  Naza's Boutique



### Best Flower Shops

-  Park Florist
-  Juanita's Flower Shop



### Best Gift Shops

-  Mom & Pop Art Shop
-  Jenny K. Gifts


### Best Grocery Stores and Food Markets

-  Grocery Outlet
-  El Cerrito Natural Grocery




### Best Specialized Grocery Stores

-  Williams Natural Foods
-  Yaoya San Japanese Grocery



### Best Hardware Store

-  Whalepoint Hardware
-  Pastime Ace Hardware



### Best Jewelry Stores

-  Gratitude LLC (tie)
-  Mom & Pop Art Shop (tie)
-  Moon and Leaf



### Best Printing & Copy Shop

-  Leftside Printing
-  Copy Central

### Best Truck Rental

-  U-Haul of Richmond
-  Doherty's Truck & Auto Rental

### Best Thrift Shops

-  Goodwill
-  Good Stuff Thrift Shop