

**Nominations Open for the Golden Star Award
(Golden State Advocate of Rail)**

Representatives from Amtrak, the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority and Caltrans are once again awarding California's Golden Star award to honor passenger rail advocates from California and help build awareness about rail travel throughout the state. Former honorees include Doras Briggs (2008), Art Lloyd (2009), Art Brown (2010) and James Spering (2011).

We invite you to submit a nominee(s) for this prestigious honor. ***Please use the nominating form on the following page.***

To be a recipient of this award, a nominee must be dedicated to the cause of passenger rail in California and meet the following criteria.

The candidate:

- must be a California resident.
- have developed a program or published documents that promoted passenger rail in California.
- volunteered a significant amount of time; or as a public employee worked tirelessly; or as an artist created a body of work to promote passenger rail; and/or is recognized by passenger rail organizations or public entities as a passenger rail advocate.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: September 30, 2012

Submit entries via email or regular mail to:

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(Scroll down for nominating form).

**Nominating Form for the Golden Star Award
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NOMINEE: _____

NOMINEE'S CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email address:

Phone number:

Mailing address:

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email address:

Phone number:

Submit entries via email or regular mail to Natalie Alvanez

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Please use the criteria from the previous page to describe below why your candidate should be selected for the Golden STAR Award. Please limit your response to 1,000 words or less.