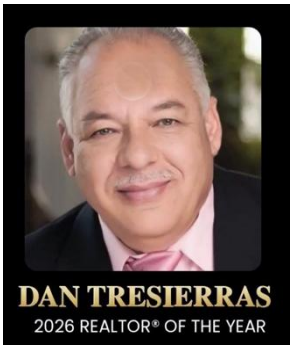
San Fernando Valley Professional – Dan Tresierras – Selected REALTOR® of the Year

A home-grown, consummate real estate professional was honored recently with the top award presented by the 10,000-member Southland Regional Association of REALTORS®.



Daniel Tresierras, a Past President and Director of the Association, was named the 2026 REALTOR® of the Year.

The Association also presented John Shamoun with its 2026 Service Award while Jon Wax was named the 2026 Affiliate of the Year.

The Association's top honor is intended to recognize a person whose "lifestyle and legacy has been part of the shaping of our industry and our community," said Gaye Rainey, the 2025 REALTOR® of the Year, who introduced Tresierras. "This year's recipient is a true home-grown treasure."

Tresierras grew up and went to school in the San Fernando Valley, served in the U.S Navy during the Vietnam era, returned home and 54 years later now has "10 grandchildren and 5.5 great grandchildren," with the sixth due to be born soon, Rainey said. "Yet he continues to offer dedicated years of service."

Tresierras was the first male Hispanic to be installed as President of the local real estate Association, which has been serving the local community for more than 100 years. He also served as a board of director member of the Californian Association of REALTORS® and as a director of the National Association of REALTORS®.



The recipient of the Association's Service award is "mild mannered and a purveyor of kindness," said Howard Katchen, the 2025 recipient. "He is a committed and involved SRAR member" who provides "an important and valuable service" to the residential real estate industry.

"This is a total surprise," said John Shamoun. "So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you, thank you, thank you."

"An Affiliate member is much more than a business partner," said Rhona Jukes, the 2025 Affiliate of the Year honoree. "Affiliates are the professionals … behind the scenes providing the products, services, education, expertise that help us better serve our clients and successfully guide transactions to closings."



The 2026 recipient has 30 years of dedicated service to the local industry, she said, and "offers the very best of what it means to be an affiliate."

"I'm totally honored," said Jon Wax, the 2026 Affiliate of the Year. "I look forward to working with every single one of you. I'm here to help. Thank you so much."

The current leaders of the Association also were honored at the Association's 28th Annual Awards Gala, held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, including:

Nicole Stinson, the 2026 SRAR President; Louisa Henry, President-Elect; Anthony Bedgood, Treasurer; and Valerie Biletsky, the Association's Chief Executive Officer.

Pat "Ziggy" Zicarelli recognized the 2026 Board of Directors: Bryan Almeida, Jesus Arteaga, Anthony Bedgood, Jennifer Brown, Olivia Chavez Serrano, Filip Crispino, Cathy DeRose, Jodie Francisco, Louisa Henry, Kenya Hughes, Starr James, Howard Katchen, Bob Khalsa, Patricia Petralia, Gaye Rainey, Renee Roque, Wendy Silver-Hale, Nicole Stinson, Dan Steuve, Fred Tarzartes, and Maria Valencia.

Also recognized were the leaders of the Santa Clarita Valley Council: Scott Edwards, Phyllis Grekin, Larry Fleischman, Louisa Henry, Talor Kellstrom, Bob Khalsa, Bri King, John Labick, Imela Leano, Carlotta Levy, Tammey Mai, Renee Roque, Samuel Silver, Anita Smith, Nancy Starczyk, Nicole Stinson, and Fred Tazartes.

Committee chairs were recognized and presented gifts for their service: Business Technology, Rodrigo Suerte Felipe; Commercial Investment, Gina Uzunyan; Equal Opportunity, Gina Aguilar; Finance/Strategic Planning, Anthony Bedgood; Foundation, John Schroeder; Governmental Affairs, Patricia Petralia and Bob Khalsa; Member Engagement/YPN, Patty Luca; and Risk Management, Jeff Kahn.

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