



# San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council

*Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

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## San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council Citizen of the year nomination 2021



**Robin Montano**



Please accept our nomination of Citizen of the year for Robin Montano. We understand what an honor it is to be Citizen of the year and the honor to be nominated by your community council. Last year 2020 San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council voted to have our nomination be our very own SFTHCC Citizen of the year. March 2020 SFTHCC surprised her by nominating her in Reno, NV as she danced with her Tlingit & Haida dance group Southern Winds Dance Group for the Native American Bowling competition.

Robin served as SFTHCC Treasure for many years. She has also served as a SFTHCC Delegate. Although she is not serving on the board now since her move to Reno two years ago. She is still very active in our community. As long as the weather is good, she drives hundreds of miles to attend all of our community events, even if just for a few hours. She is still one of the first ones to volunteer to help. She treats everyone like they are family to her. She is always sewing and cooking for a fundraiser. She loves to dance in her button blanket and share her culture with everyone she meets. You need anything Robin is there, even if you don't need anything she is there. We may call California home but our hearts are in Alaska. It is active citizens like Robin whose friendship brings the whole community together. She is one amazing and strong Haida woman.

Robin was born in Klawock, AK and adopted to missionaries. She left AK when she was one month old. She has gone home to visit her birth family (Lingley-Nix) many times throughout the years. She is always working toward having a strong connection to the Tlingit Haida family here in the Bay Area. She has one daughter, one step son, and grandkids.

Robin Married Michael Montano who quickly became a part of our SFTHCC family. He supports her and encourages her involvement with the community. He often takes the job as our unofficial photographer, cook, and helping hand. The Montano's have opened up their home and hearts to the community.

We hope you will strongly consider choosing San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council Citizen Robin Montano for Citizen of year. Our whole community would be honored.



Thank you,

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