

City gets award for halting gentrification

A national cities association has presented East Palo Alto with an award for being culturally diverse and for having an affordable housing program that has prevented gentrification of the city as well as the displacement of long-time residents.

Mayor Duane Bay said the award is quite an honor.

East Palo Alto was one of seven cities that was awarded a City Cultural Diversity Award from the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials on Sunday, dur-

ing the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington D.C.

East Palo Alto was first in its class — cities that have 25,000 to 100,000 residents. The other cities that were top in their categories were Pittsburg, Kan.; Hampton, Va.; and Houston.

The caucus was formed in 1970 to advocate the interests of black local elected officials. It is part of the National League of Cities.