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City of Malibu Receives Regional Award for Innovative Sensory Swim Program

(Malibu, CA) – The City of Malibu Community Services Department has been awarded the 2026 Southern California Public Pool Operators Association Innovative Program Award in recognition of its Sensory Swim program. The program expands access to aquatic recreation for people with sensory sensitivities and diverse needs.

"This award recognizes Malibu's commitment to making recreation welcoming and accessible for everyone," said Mayor Bruce Silverstein. "The Sensory Swim program reflects our belief that every member of our community deserves the opportunity to enjoy the many benefits of swimming in an environment where they feel safe, supported, and included. We are proud of our Community Services staff for bringing this program to Malibu."

The program is offered through a partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and the Malibu Esperance Center, helping expand inclusive recreational opportunities and strengthen community connections for participants and their families.

Designed for participants of all ability levels, Sensory Swim provides a supportive aquatic environment where individuals can comfortably enjoy the physical, mental, and social benefits of swimming. Through thoughtful accommodations and trained staff support, the program creates a safe, welcoming space where everyone—regardless of ability—can participate and thrive.

The City of Malibu is committed to providing innovative recreation programs that promote health, wellness, and inclusion for residents of all ages and abilities.

The Sensory Swim hours for Summer 2026 are 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM every Wednesday through August 5, 2026. To learn more about Sensory Swim and other aquatics programs offered at the Malibu Community Pool, visit **MalibuCity.org/Aquatics**.

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