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Indiana Chamber honors former Zionsville Town Council president

At the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's 28th Annual Awards Dinner on Nov. 7, former Zionsville Town Council President Tom Easterday was named Business Leader of the Year.

Easterday, who is the senior executive vice president, secretary and chief legal officer at Subaru Indiana Automotive in Lafayette, has helped lead Subaru of Indiana to be one of the most highly rated automotive assembly facilities. At the facility, he leads new hire orientations and works closely with associates. Easterday also helped lead an effort to have a Purdue branch campus on-site for manufacturing-related certificates and degrees. Associates who receive a C or better have their tuition paid for by SIA.

"I am truly honored to receive this award because it is not only recognition for my efforts, but also for all of the Associates of Subaru of Indiana Automotive who have done a tremendous job in making SIA an industry leader in quality, safety and environmental stewardship and all of the great business, government and community leaders that I have worked with to help make Indiana even better," Easterday said.

Easterday is a 31-year Zionsville resident. While serving as Town Council president from 1995 – 1999, Easterday oversaw many new developments in Zionsville including the construction of the Municipal Services Building and Zionsville Fire Station 91. He led the completion of Phase 1 of the Main Street Project (from Sycamore Street to Cedar Street) and the completion of three key segments of the Zionsville pathway system (the Big-4 Rail Trail, Mulberry Street from Ash Street to Ford Road and Ford Road south of Oak Street). While president, he hired the first full-time fire chief and increased the size of Zionsville Police Department.

Easterday has also served the community in the following roles: Board Member and past Board Chairman of the Community Foundation of Boone County, Chairman of the Boone County Republican Party, Chairman of the Zionsville Pathway Committee and Troop Committee Chairman for Zionsville Boy Scout Troop 358. Currently he is Precinct Committeeman for Eagle One Precinct and a member of Knights of Columbus Council 12510 (St. Alphonsus Catholic Church). He received the Zionsville Town Crier Award in 2000 and the Zionsville Lion's Club Pride of Zionsville Award in 2008.

"During his time on Town Council Tom showed he had a strong vision and drive to accomplish long lasting changes in the Town," said Mayor Haak. "We are proud of what he did then for the Town and what he is doing now."

Watch the Indiana Chamber's video on Easterday [here](#).

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