

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO SHARON WINSLOW ERICKSON UPON HER DEPARTURE

WHEREAS, Sharon Winslow Erickson began her job as Palo Alto's City Auditor on July 16, 2001 and has become one of the most respected employees in the City; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Winslow Erickson has issued 113 audits and informational reports that included 305 recommendations during her six-and-a-half-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Winslow Erickson has served Palo Alto residents with tenacity, high ethical standards, and grace and has created the "Erickson Model" for auditing; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Winslow Erickson has inspired the staff in the Office of the City Auditor to do their best work and improve government accountability for the residents of Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Winslow Erickson's revenue audits have identified more than \$2,000,000 in additional revenue for the City of Palo Alto and her performance audits have identified numerous operational efficiencies and additional savings; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Winslow Erickson has spent at least 2,300 hours (the equivalent of 1.10 FTE) attending City Council meetings, Finance Committee meetings, Policy and Services Committee meetings, Utility Risk Oversight Committee meetings, as well as other meetings with City staff; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Winslow Erickson has established the Office of the City Auditor as a well-respected entity among City employees and local residents and was dubbed "the most trusted person in City Hall" by the *Palo Alto Weekly*; and

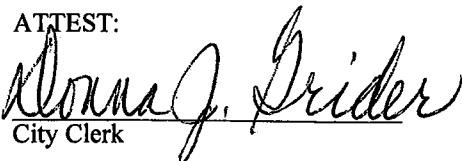
WHEREAS, Sharon Winslow Erickson created the *Service Efforts and Accomplishments Report*, which includes at least 4,488 numbers about City services and has become a critical resource for City officials and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Auditor won 11 auditing awards during Sharon Winslow Erickson's tenure and has become a leader in performance auditing among local government audit shops.

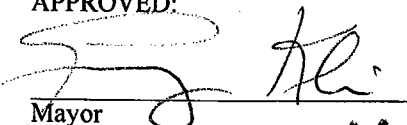
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby gratefully records and extends its sincere appreciation to Sharon Winslow Erickson for her dedication and excellent service rendered to the City.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: February 19, 2008

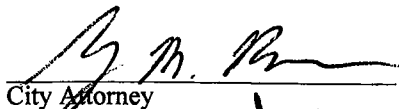
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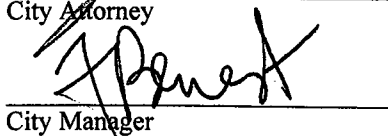

City Clerk

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Mayor

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City Attorney


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