



CITY OF PALO ALTO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

January 4, 2016

The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California

Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council Expressing Appreciation for Outstanding Public Service to Karen Holman as Mayor

ATTACHMENTS:

- **Attachment3.a:** Attachment A: Resolution Expressing Appreciation to Mayor Karen Holman (DOCX)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk



Resolution

Whereas, Karen Holman served as Mayor of the City of Palo Alto from January 5, 2015 through January 4, 2016; and

Whereas, Karen Holman provided effective regional and city-wide leadership on issues facing the City of Palo Alto, focusing on the City's land use and environmental policies through regional groups as well as improving outreach to businesses and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Karen Holman coordinated work with City Staff and represented the City on countless occasions throughout the year; and

Whereas, Karen Holman was instrumental in initiating and successfully implementing the City Council's 2015 Priority of Healthy City, Healthy Community, including convening and chairing a Citizens Advisory Committee to draft a Healthy City, Healthy Community Resolution; and

Whereas, Karen Holman, during her term as Mayor, was a strong advocate for small business and retail preservation throughout the City, working hard to retain and promote a vital retail sector throughout the City; Karen conceived of and initiated the "Meet the Street" event strengthening a sense of community between local downtown merchants and the public for an evening of food, fashion and music; and

Whereas, Karen Holman was a strong and continuing advocate for historic preservation and the Palo Alto History Museum; and

Whereas, Karen Holman initiated a moving tribute to Palo Alto Veterans in observance of Veterans Day, and Karen improved the May Fête Parade, an important Palo Alto tradition, by moving the parade route to provide for more intergenerational inclusion; and

Whereas, Karen Holman led the Our Palo Alto: The Summit events and worked to initiate the Comprehensive Plan Update Citizens Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, Karen Holman promoted Palo Alto Perry, Goodwill Ambassador based on the original Palo Alto Perry (Pericles), the Barron Park donkey and model for Donkey in Shrek, to the Palo Alto Community forging a new Palo Alto icon to celebrate the whimsical and softer side of Palo Alto; and

Whereas, Karen Holman encouraged citizen input to City governance in a variety of formats throughout the year, spent time with community leaders and citizens to understand their positions and include such views in Council deliberations.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby gratefully records its sincere thanks and appreciation to Karen Holman for meritorious service rendered and contributions made during her term as Mayor.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: January 4, 2016

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Manager

City Attorney