



Resolution

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO GREG LIN TANAKA FOR SERVING ON CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Greg Lin Tanaka was first elected to the Palo Alto City Council in 2016 and was re-elected in 2020; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Greg worked with diverse stakeholder groups such as the Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, Historic Resources Board, Human Relations Committee, Lytton Gardens, VTA Grand Blvd, Valley Water District, Palo Alto Unified School District Board of Education, Rail Committee, Silicon Valley Board of Realtors, Art Commission, Art Center Foundation, Transportation Management Association, etc. while balancing neighborhood interests with economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, Greg demonstrated his commitment to transparency and accessibility by hosting weekly office hour sessions throughout his tenure to provide residents an open channel to engage with a councilmember, voice their concerns, share feedback, and discuss community issues in a collaborative and approachable setting ensuring their voices were heard in council deliberations; and

WHEREAS, in response to the challenges posed by the pandemic, Greg worked diligently to support efforts aimed at revitalizing the local economy. As Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business and Professional Association, and other key organizations, he focused on fostering collaboration and encouraging growth in the city's tech and innovation sectors. Greg emphasized data-driven decision-making to promote effective resource allocation and supported fiscally responsible policies; and

WHEREAS, Greg has consistently advocated for innovative engineering sciences that promote equitable access and drive Palo Alto toward the latest technologies. His work is focused on improving the quality of life for residents by advancing sustainable and inclusive solutions. Greg has worked to strengthen Palo Alto's position as a center for technology and innovation by encouraging the inclusion of software development in the City's Comprehensive Plan and organizing educational webinars to inform the community about technological advancements and challenges; and

WHEREAS, Greg has contributed to enhancing Palo Alto's livability by supporting projects like the California Avenue Streetscape Project, which improved pedestrian and bicycle access. He also advocated for the closure of California Avenue to vehicular traffic, helping to create a vibrant public space that benefited local businesses. Additionally, Greg proposed transportation initiatives, including a scooter share program, to address last mile challenges; and

WHEREAS, Greg chaired the Finance Committee and Policy and Services Committee, championing fiscal responsibility, transparency, and innovative governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Palo Alto does hereby honor and express its gratitude to Councilmember Greg Lin Tanaka for his long-term public service, and records the appreciation of the Council, residents, and businesses for his service and commitment as a Palo Alto Councilmember.

ADOPTED: January 6, 2025

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