



# Proclamation

## Commending Bob Moss

**WHEREAS**, Robert Moss, fondly known as Bob Moss, served on the Palo Alto Library Advisory Commission and helped to shepherd our treasured library system through critical junctures, ensuring all five library branches would thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Moss possesses deep institutional memory regarding neighborhood and citywide political issues, and his service is a community resource in providing meaningful context to those advocating current issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Moss is a long-time supporter of Buena Vista Mobile Home Park residents; he fought for rent restrictions prohibiting a severe increase by the owner that would have resulted in the forced displacement of many households in 2000 and spoke at many City hearings from 2012 to 2017 in support of saving the mobile home park; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, Bob Moss initiated a successful grassroots movement to create an ordinance requiring private streets within new local developments to maintain at least a 32-foot width for safety reasons, in addition to excluding these streets from the city's density calculations; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Moss continues to keep tabs on businesses along El Camino Real near the Barron Park and Ventura area, periodically reporting to the Barron Park Association Board of Directors on the opening and closing of businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Moss has personally set out to eliminate graffiti in Palo Alto, effectively serving as a one-man graffiti clean-up crew; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Moss has been a longtime leader in the Barron Park neighborhood, formerly serving as a Board member and continuing to represent the concerns of the Barron Park neighborhood to the City of Palo Alto as a valiant watchdog for Barron Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lydia Kou, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council commend and honor Bob Moss's many decades of devotion, institutional knowledge, and service to the City of Palo Alto.

Presented: December 18, 2023

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**Lydia Kou**  
Mayor