



Proclamation

Honoring Brendan Giang, Emily Tang, and Max Reiter,

WHEREAS, Brendan Giang, Emily Tang, and Max Reiter, esteemed Palo Alto High School students, not only participated in the prestigious C-SPAN StudentCam 2024 competition but also secured a remarkable first-place win with their thought-provoking documentary, *Threads of Change*.

WHEREAS, this documentary, a testament to the trio's dedication and talent, delves into the perils of fast fashion and textile waste, shedding light on its detrimental effects on our environment and society through the ever-changing trends in consumer spending.

WHEREAS, C-SPAN, now in its 20th year, with this project-based learning experience, allows students to explore multiple perspectives on topics that are important to them. Over 3,200 students participated in response, and C-SPAN received over 1,600 entries from 42 states and Washington, D.C. In cooperation with its Bay Area cable television partner, Comcast, middle and high school students were asked to address the theme, "Looking Forward while Considering the Past," through one of the following prompts: In the next 20 years, what is the most critical change that you would like to see in America? -OR- Over the past 20 years, what has been the most important change in America?

WHEREAS, Brendan, Emily, and Max addressed the competition prompt remarkably, providing many great examples throughout the documentary. This left viewers to self-reflect on how their personal use of fast fashion has impacted the environment and society. The documentary also highlighted the effect changes in fashion waste over the past 20 years and in the future will have on the environment, leaving a lifetime of impact in its wake.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greer Stone, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize all three students for their exemplary contributions to raising awareness among their peers and community of the dangers and effects of fast fashion while promoting fundamental views of sustainability.

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Greer Stone
Mayor