



# Proclamation

## **Lisa Forssell Utilities Advisory Commission**

**WHEREAS**, the Utilities Advisory Commission provides dedicated service to the residents and businesses of this community through the review of Utilities Department budgets, policies, and practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners lend their collective and extensive knowledge of financial forecasting, environmental sustainability, and energy and water efficiency in their review of fiber optics, recycled water, and research & development on utilities-related advancements, including communications with the community, utilities, and commodities markets, the application of economics and business, public service and many other utilities related matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utilities Advisory Commission's deliberations add valuable insights and ideas through constructive discussion of complex utilities issues, leading to sound advice for the City Council on a wide range of utilities related items; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners assisted in the development of the annual Utilities Capital and Operating Budgets, the annual Utilities Legislative Policy Guidelines, the long-term Financial Plans and Reserves Guidelines, the Recycled Water Distribution Project, the long-term integrated resource plans for electric, gas, water, and wastewater utilities, and consideration of new long-term renewable energy contracts and fiber optics plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utilities Advisory Commission expends significant personal time researching and facilitating efforts with staff, participating on subcommittees to develop reasoned, thorough and useful recommendations, representing the Commission at City Council and Committee meetings and working within the community to communicate and clarify issues and policies, and in addition, listen openly to members of the public, which enables good civic engagement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Greer Stone, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim appreciation for outstanding public service to Lisa Forssell for her service and contribution rendered as a Utilities Advisory Commissioner.

Presented: June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Greer Stone  
Mayor**