RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE OF YORIKO KISHIMOTO FOR HER EIGHT YEARS ON CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Yoriko Kishimoto was first elected to the Palo Alto City Council in 2001, and reelected to a second term in 2005, serving a total of eight years; and

WHEREAS, Yoriko served as Mayor of Palo Alto in 2007, leading the City with the theme of "building a green economy through innovation," promoting economic development as well as environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Yoriko served as Chair of the City's Policy and Services Committee in 2004 and 2008, and Chair of the Finance Committee in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Yoriko has worked tirelessly to make Palo Alto a leader in environmental sustainability, championing issues such as climate protection, zero waste, green buildings, water conservation and environmentally preferred purchasing; and

WHEREAS, Yoriko has been a staunch advocate of a walkable and bikeable community, promoting programs such as Safe Routes to Schools and bringing the Amgen Bicycle Tour of California to Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, Yoriko has been a regional leader on transportation and air quality issues, serving on the Valley Transportation Authority, initiating and chairing the Peninsula Cities Consortium on High Speed Rail, and chairing the Climate Protection Committee of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District; and

WHEREAS, Yoriko has been a strong proponent of Palo Alto's natural assets such as the Baylands, San Francisquito Creek, Foothills Park, the Arastradero Preserve and neighborhood parks; and

WHEREAS, Yoriko has been a champion of open government, civil discourse and fiscal discipline; and

WHEREAS, Yoriko has always come to meetings well-prepared, paying great attention to detail as well as the big picture, and offering a wealth of institutional knowledge and insight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby gratefully records its sincere appreciation to Yoriko Kishimoto for her meritorious service to the residents, workforce and visitors of Palo Alto.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: JANUARY 4, 2010

ATTEST:	APPROVED:
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City Clerk	Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Manager	City Attorney