

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO IN  
APPRECIATION OF THE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE OF  
PATRICK BURT AS MAYOR**

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Burt served as Mayor of the City of Palo Alto from January 4, 2010 through January 4, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, 2010 was a year of unprecedented challenges for the City, with an international fiscal crisis, serious City budget concerns, labor tensions, profound high speed rail considerations, and a large and complex negotiation regarding the Stanford Hospital project; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Mayor Burt the City closed a \$6.3 million mid-year budget gap and eliminated a \$7.3 million dollar structural deficit and began the process to restructure its long-term pension and health care costs for real structural change while at the same time improving its management and labor relations; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Burt was a regional leader on high speed rail, serving as the City's representative on the Peninsula Cities Consortium, lobbying federal and state representatives, meeting frequently with officials of the High Speed Rail Authority and presiding over the Council's many meetings on the subject – all in an effort to ensure the best outcome for Palo Alto; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Burt ably represented the City internationally at European and Latin American conferences on climate change, clean energy and environmental sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Burt oversaw noteworthy progress in the environmental review of Stanford University's proposals to remodel and expand the Stanford University Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Burt was the City's representative this year on the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority and worked to obtain the federal funding needed for critical flood prevention projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Burt strongly supported the city's goal of emergency preparedness, including the City's completion of the Fire Services Study, over 200 Safety and Disaster Preparedness presentations, and the Quakeville exercise; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Burt's leadership on the issue of youth well-being – a difficult and emotional topic -- was influential in the City's adoption of the well regarded Project Safety Net initiative.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby commends the outstanding public service of Patrick Burt and gratefully records its appreciation, as well as the appreciation of the citizens of this community, for meritorious service rendered and contributions made during his term as Mayor.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: JANUARY 4, 2011

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Manager

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City Attorney