RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO
IN APPRECIATION OF THE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE OF
JUDY KLEINBERG AS MAYOR, VICE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER

WHEREAS, Judy Kleinberg was elected to the City Council in 2000 and re-elected in 2004, coming in first in both races, and was elected Vice Mayor in 2005 and Mayor in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Judy Kleinberg has served on and been the liaison to numerous City committees and commissions, including Palo Alto's Finance Committee and Policy and Services Committee, for both of which she served as Chair; and

WHEREAS, she was a leader in regional governmental policy making and cooperation, serving as a delegate to and eventually being elected as President of the League of California Cities Peninsula Division, the Santa Clara County Cities Association and the Santa Clara County Joint Policy Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, she served on nearly 45 local and regional boards and commissions serving the interests of Palo Alto residents and businesses, including the Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council, of which she was elected the Chair in 2006, as well as a Director of the Santa Clara County Social Services Advisory Commission and the Rotary Club of Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, she demonstrated innovative and visionary leadership as Mayor in 2006, during which time she created two important task forces: first, the Palo Alto/Stanford Green Ribbon Task Force on Climate Protection which delivered a seminal report on how our community could help meet the challenge of global warming and which became a model for community action on global warming that other communities are now following; and second, the Palo Alto/Stanford Red Ribbon Task Force on Disaster Planning, both of which helped build stronger and more constructive relations among community stakeholder groups and with Stanford University; and

WHEREAS, Judy Kleinberg was a supporter of local business as liaison to the Chamber of Commerce, helped to create the downtown Business Improvement District and the Midtown Merchants Association, worked with on plans to revamp and expand the Stanford Shopping Center in order to raise the quality of stores and revenues to the City; and

WHEREAS, she was an ardent youth and family advocate, helping write the Youth Master Plan and working with the Family Resource Center, Palo Alto Community Child Care and Palo Alto Youth Council to provide more quality services to our youth and families; and

WHEREAS, Judy Kleinberg helped create pedestrian-friendly and vibrant neighborhood retail centers through creating first-floor retail zoning districts to preserve small retail businesses; and

WHEREAS, Judy Kleinberg, as a public transportation supporter, she was an early and enthusiastic supporter of expansion of the City's free shuttle service, helping expand the service to more school children while serving on the City-School Liaison Committee, and leading the fight to preserve our City's airport for both recreation and vital local transportation services; and

WHEREAS, she was a environmental activist, helping preserve the Baylands and other dedicated parkland from development, including especially the purchase of the final piece of land to complete the Arastradero Preserve and to connect hiking trails through Foothills Park, and adoption of the Quimby Act for parkland acquisition; and

WHEREAS, she was a tireless advocate for more affordable housing, helping preserve our city's only mobile home park and to create the Opportunity Center for services and transition housing for the homeless, as well as thousands of units of affordable housing through her membership on the Board of the Housing Trust Fund of Silicon Valley, the Housing Leadership
Council, the Housing Action Coalition and the Santa Clara County Housing Bond Advisory Committee; and was a liaison to the Palo Alto Housing Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Judy Kleinberg sounded the call and rallied our community to be better prepared for emergencies and widespread disasters, creating the cross-sector, public-private coalition "Palo Alto REDI" (Resources for Emergencies and Disasters Initiative) which later became Palo Alto’s Citizen Corps for sharing resources among first responders and volunteer aid organizations, and later as Mayor in 2006 she created the Palo Alto/Stanford Red Ribbon Task Force on Disaster Planning that is bringing together public and private community groups focused on saving lives and property through resource sharing and better communication in advance of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Judy Kleinberg in all her actions, helped create greater collaboration in government, bridging service gaps, connecting public and private resources, and creating stronger ties between the public and private sectors and between city government and residents, businesses and regional stakeholders, doing so with creativity, civility and good humor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby commends the outstanding public service of Judy Kleinberg and gratefully records the appreciation of the community, as well as for meritorious service rendered and contributions made during her term on the Council.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: January 7, 2008

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTION:

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

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City Manager