RESOLUTION 

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

WHEREAS, Dena Mossar was elected to the Council in 1997, re-elected in 1999 and 2003; served as Vice Mayor in 2002, the Mayor in 2003, as well as Chair of the Finance Committee in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dena Mossar is dedicated to the environment, especially creeks and San Francisco Bay, and worked as a member of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority Board to develop flood control solutions for that channel, as well as being a strong voice for comprehensive planning for the Palo Alto Baylands; and

WHEREAS, Dena Mossar worked tirelessly to support regionalism in the interest of the common good, and was appointed by the President of the National League of Cities (NLC) to serve eight years on the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Steering Committee and was appointed by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to represent the cities of the South Bay on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC); and

WHEREAS, Dena Mossar represented the cities of Santa Clara County as a member of the Board of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD); and

WHEREAS, Dena Mossar received the Clean Air Champion Award and championed local transit programs from the early days of the Try Transit Campaign to the Special Event Shuttle Program and went on to become the "Mother of the Palo Alto Shuttle," and has been instrumental in helping to ensure bicycle safety for all age groups and creating the Homer Avenue bike and pedestrian underpass; and

WHEREAS, Dena Mossar was the city’s representative to the Valley Transit Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee and represented the North County Cities to the VTA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dena Mossar is committed to open space protection and through her perseverance and dedication found a way to purchase the Bressler property, thus completing the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve; and

WHEREAS, her service on the Finance Committee and understanding of the budget has been invaluable in the budget process and she could be counted upon to help control spending and to support revenue generation, including the Shop Palo Alto Campaign to revitalize retail services in Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, Dena Mossar had uncommon courage in supporting and expounding on unpopular positions that sometimes ran against political correctness; and also frequently had a smile and a ready sense of humor to lighten serious discussions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby commends the outstanding public service of Dena Mossar and gratefully records its appreciation, as well as the appreciation of the citizens of this community, for meritorious service rendered and contributions made during her terms on the Council and her 10 years of exemplary public service.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: January 7, 2008

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NOES:

ABSTENTION:
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ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

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City Manager

APPROVED:

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Mayor