CITY OF PALO ALTO
PROCLAMATION

COMMENDING THE GREAT WORK OF CARROLL HARRINGTON, MARGARET SUOZZO AND WALT HAYS IN ORGANIZING PALO ALTO EARTH MONTH

WHEREAS, Carroll Harrington, Margaret Suozzo, and Walt Hays took the lead in producing a series of events honoring Earth Month in Palo Alto during March and April 2008; and

WHEREAS, Carroll, Margaret and Walt used Earth Month as a valuable launching point for new, more sustainable practices among the residents and employees of Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, Carroll, Margaret and Walt worked closely with the Mayor and other Council Members to commit to a carbon diet that would serve as a model for the rest of the community; and

WHEREAS, Carroll, Margaret and Walt coordinated with other City programs and events, such as “Bring Your Own Bag,” and wove them into week-long themes, such as “Bag the Bags”; and

WHEREAS, Carroll worked tirelessly and persistently to promote each and every Earth Month event in the press and throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Margaret (in midnight emails) revised and redesigned the City website each week to convey that week’s theme and events, and coordinated with City staff to ensure the site was updated; and

WHEREAS, Walt, in spite of a schedule already full with chairing the Community Environmental Action Partnership and the Sustainable Schools Committee, found time to help plan this month-long series of messages and events; and

WHEREAS, Margaret convened and focused, week after week, the group of citizens and staff that worked on generating and organizing these events; and

WHEREAS, Carroll, Margaret and Walt brought distinguished speakers into the community, such as Jim Sweeney and Hunter Lovins, to inspire us with their can-do and must-do messages.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY KLEIN, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby express deep appreciation to Carroll Harrington, Margaret Suozzo, and Walt Hays for leading Palo Alto’s Earth Month activities that informed and inspired Palo Altans in our continued efforts to respond creatively, energetically and effectively to the challenges facing our planet.

Larry Klein
Mayor

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