



## **CITY OF PALO ALTO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

**January 3, 2017**

**The Honorable City Council  
Palo Alto, California**

### **Adoption of a Resolution of the Council Expressing Appreciation for the Outstanding Public Service to Patrick Burt as Council Member and Mayor**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A: Resolution Honoring Patrick Burt(DOC)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk



**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO  
PATRICK BURT AS MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER**

*WHEREAS*, Patrick Burt was first elected to the City Council in 2007 and served as Mayor in 2010 and 2016; and

*WHEREAS*, throughout his time on the City Council, Pat served on all of the Council Committees and was Chair of the Finance Committee (2009, 2013), Policy and Services Committee (2015), Council Appointed Officer's Committee (2015) and the City/School Liaison Committee (2008); and

*WHEREAS*, Pat also served on many regional boards and committees including the Peninsula Cities Consortium, the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority, the Caltrain Policy Makers Committee, the Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council and the Santa Clara Valley Water District Joint Recycled Water Advisory Committee; and

*WHEREAS*, as a City Council member and Mayor, Pat applied his extensive experience as a Planning and Transportation Commission member (1998-2007) to assist in thoughtful decision making regarding complex potential zoning amendments and project review, and has been outspoken in his support for the inclusion of native landscapes as an integral part of project requirements; and

*WHEREAS*, Pat has consistently supported the health and prosperity of the citizens of Palo Alto by assisting in the formation of Project Safety Net, which addresses the social and emotional well-being of our youth; advocated for increasing HSRAP funding, which helps the less fortunate in our community; and participated in the creation of the Healthy Cities, Healthy Community initiative; and

*WHEREAS*, Pat had a leading role in infrastructure investments including his involvement in the creation of the Infrastructure Blue Ribbon Commission (IBRC) which has led to the development of today's transportation programs; and his support of increased investment in the City's street maintenance program which dramatically improved the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) from 72 to 82, on track to reach the goal of 85 by 2019; and

*WHEREAS*, as a champion for a transit-rich environment, Pat has leant his vision to the creation of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan as well as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan and has, for many years, been a strong promoter of the expansion of Palo Alto's bicycle network, understanding it is a greener, healthier and faster means of getting around; and

*WHEREAS*, Pat has been a leader in the advancement of Palo Alto's environmental sustainability through the creation of the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S/CAP), renewable energy and zero waste plans as well as the efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which resulted in moving Palo Alto to a 100% carbon neutral electric utility; and

*WHEREAS*, Pat's leadership has been a positive influence on the continued growth and progress of our community and his lasting contributions will be seen and felt for many years to come.

**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 both its appreciation, and the appreciation of the citizens and businesses of this community, for his meritorious service and commitment as a Palo Alto Mayor and Council Member.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: JANUARY 3, 2017

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