



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

**June 1, 2021**

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

### **Proclamation Honoring Gunn High School Titans Football Team**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A: Proclamation Honoring Gunn High School Football Team (DOCX)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk





# Proclamation

## HONORING GUNN HIGH SCHOOL TITANS FOOTBALL TEAM

**WHEREAS**, the Gunn High School football team showed incredible character, bravery and leadership during a pandemic by adhering to Covid-19's ever-changing rules and procedures; being the first team on Gunn's campus to condition in pods; and

**WHEREAS**, the team demonstrated civic responsibility and leadership by taking active roles in demonstrations to bring attention to the value of Black Lives in the United States; wearing decals in support of the "Stop Asian Hate" campaign; promoting social justice causes in interviews with the San Jose Mercury News; and

**WHEREAS**, the team prepared for the 2021 Spring season over a fifteen-month period where conditioning workouts and practices were virtual for extended periods of time; Gunn's football team finished the season with a 5-0 record, the first undefeated record for a Gunn Titans Football Team since 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, the team finished the season with the following leaders in statistics: Richard Jackson IV finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the Central Coast Section (CCS) in rushing yards with 854 yards; James Lambert finished 5<sup>th</sup> in CCS with 641 yards; the Titans finished both 1<sup>st</sup> in California with 2,326 rushing yards. Gunn finished 1<sup>st</sup> in CCS in points scored (49.8 points per game); Richard Jackson IV scored 96 points (15 TDs) 4<sup>th</sup> in the state and 1<sup>st</sup> in CCS. This year's postseason honorees include: Coaches' Award, Winston Qui, Lineman of the Year; All Bay Area Honorable Mention Eskinder Erlan, Iron Man Award Neil Hanson, Friendship Award Griffin Willard, Most Inspirational Evan Cole, Defensive Player of the Year Filippi Montes, Offensive Player of the Year and Honorable Mention All-Bay Area James Lambert, Special Teams Player of the Year Joakim Bonnet, and Most Outstanding Player, 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Area Richard Jackson IV.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tom DuBois, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby recognize and send up a big cheer for the 2020-2021 Gunn Football Team and applaud them for their activism, discipline, extraordinary perseverance that has brought honor to their team, their school and to our community.

PRESENTED TO: Evan Cole, Griffin Willard, Kevin Green, Richard Jackson, Emrey Cohen, James Lambert, Cory Hallada, Eskinder Erlan, Neil Hanson, Ayush Nagrani, Eric Wang, Winston Qui, Denzel Davis, Evan Wiederhold, Eugene Kim, Bradley Phan, Noah Panousis, Filippi Montes, Jonah Easton, Mick Dobrov, Arjun Raja, David Hafoka, Ilan Kim, Nico Kapoor, and Sione Fisiihi.

PRESENTED: June 1, 2021

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**Tom DuBois**  
Mayor