



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 Marc Berman as Council Member

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: Resolution Honoring Marc Berman (DOC)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO
MARC BERMAN AS COUNCIL MEMBER**

WHEREAS, Marc Berman served as a Palo Alto City Council member from January 2013 through December 2016; and

WHEREAS, Marc served on the Infrastructure Blue Ribbon Commission (IBRC), the Council Infrastructure Committee, and the Campaign Committee for Yes on Measure B to raise the funds necessary to fully fund Palo Alto's \$150 million Infrastructure Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, Marc worked closely with the environmental and faith-based communities and was the lead author of the Colleagues' Memo and Resolution demanding that CalPERS divest from fossil fuel companies; and

WHEREAS, during his time on the City Council, Marc chaired the Finance Committee in 2014 and worked with the Office of Management and Budget to create the Budget in Brief, which provides the public with a concise and easy to understand overview of Palo Alto's budget, increasing transparency and public awareness of how their money is spent; and

WHEREAS, Marc opposed the vehicle habitation ban and made the motion to repeal the ban a year later; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Marc has been a consistent advocate for more housing, bringing community members together to promote and encourage creative solutions to our housing shortfall; and

WHEREAS, Marc co-authored Colleagues' Memos to raise the minimum wage in Palo Alto and to establish Palo Alto's business registry, so we could begin collecting real data to assist Council with making informed decisions about parking, transportation, and development in the future; and

WHEREAS, Marc has been a strong advocate of Palo Alto's sustainability and climate action efforts, including co-authoring a Colleagues' Memo to encourage switching from natural gas appliances to appliances that use our carbon-neutral electricity, consistently defending and supporting policies that promote local renewable energy generation, and finding creative solutions to promote more residential solar projects under Palo Alto's Net Energy Metering cap; and

WHEREAS, Marc's leadership on the City Council exemplified service to the community, with contributions that will be of lasting value to the City of Palo Alto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby commends the outstanding public service of Marc Berman, 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 Council Member and wishes him luck as he serves as Assemblymember for the State of California's 24th Assembly District.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: JANUARY 3, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Manager

City Attorney