



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Proclamation Honoring Pastor Paul Bains

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From: City Manager

Lead Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Proclamation Honoring Pastor Paul Bains



Proclamation

Honoring Pastor Paul Bains

WHEREAS, Pastor Paul Bains has been a longtime positive force for good in both East Palo Alto and Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Paul Bains is the Co-founder and President of Project WeHOPE (We Help Other People Excel), an East Palo Alto based homeless and supportive housing shelter that opened in 2009 and assists homeless and at-risk adults in East Palo Alto and surrounding San Mateo County and Santa Clara County communities; and

WHEREAS, the 55 bed Project WeHOPE shelter has evolved into a year-round supportive housing/emergency shelter which offers on-site life skills classes, anger management, 12-step recovery, communications, financial education, health and nutrition, art therapy, and exercise classes. In 2016, Project WeHOPE found permanent homes for 16 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Project WeHOPE launched the Kids N.O.W. Food Program, standing for "Kid's Nutrition on Weekends," a program which provides weekly fresh food for families in need. Project WeHOPE also provides Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday dinners for less fortunate community members; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Paul Bains and Project WeHOPE launched Dignity on Wheels in 2015, a mobile shower and laundry program which regularly provides service at nine sites in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties and is at the Opportunity Center in Palo Alto every Saturday morning; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Paul Bains was sworn in as the Chaplain of the Palo Alto Police Department on October 27, 2010 and developed the Police Department's chaplaincy program to improve opportunities for relationship building between staff and the community. As Chaplain, he supports officers when making death notifications to community members and provides support to employees when needed; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Paul Bains is a member of the Police Department's Critical Incident Stress Management Team and has been part of "Family Day," which provides information to officers' families to better understand the life of a police officer and how it extends into their personal lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, H. Gregory Scharff, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize Pastor Paul Bains and extend appreciation for his years of valuable contributions and service to the community.

Presented: February 13, 2017

H. Gregory Scharff
Mayor