



**City of Palo Alto**  
**City Council Staff Report**

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**Summary Title: Proclamation Honoring Mary Gordon**

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**From: City Manager**

**Lead Department: City Clerk**

**Attachments:**

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# Proclamation

## Honoring Mary Gordon

**WHEREAS**, Mary D. Gordon is a highly acclaimed and accomplished landscape architect and garden designer living and working in Palo Alto for the past 67 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary D. Gordon chaired the Palo Alto Planning Commission from 1974-1980 and was a member for 15 years (1965-1980), co-chaired the first Area Beautification Committee (ABC) of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce in the 1950s, co-founded the Women's Workshop for Paths and Trails Committee in the 1960s, and spearheaded Palo Alto's first Comprehensive Plan (1980); and

**WHEREAS**, Mary D. Gordon was instrumental in Baylands protection and master plan development, and the open space protection in the Foothills; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary D. Gordon designed over a thousand gardens and estates, residential and commercial, in Palo Alto and the greater Bay Area during a 67 year career of private practice; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary D. Gordon worked tirelessly to develop and support a regional paths and trail network around the bay; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary D. Gordon guided and developed landscape plans and details to increase the tree canopy and help beautify the PAUSD over the past 12 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary D. Gordon has been the recipient of the 2012 Canopy Tree Award as well as numerous garden design awards and honors, and her designs have appeared in books and on the covers of Sunset Magazine and Better Homes and Gardens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Liz Kniss, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby recognize Mary Gordon for her expertise, artistic landscape works, and her service to the City of Palo Alto and the surrounding region which has left enduring impressions on our lives and enriched our public and private spaces for decades to come.

Presented: September 17, 2018

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**Liz Kniss**  
**Mayor**