



CITY OF PALO ALTO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

March 18, 2019

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

Proclamation Honoring La Comida and Their Service to the Community

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: Proclamation Honoring La Comida (DOCX)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk



Proclamation

HONORING LA COMIDA'S SERVICE TO THE SENIOR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1972, La Comida has offered dignity, care, and community to Palo Alto's seniors by serving them nutritious hot lunch meals (cooked on site) in a diverse assortment of cuisines and a bright, friendly, community setting; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 the County of Santa Clara initiated its Senior Nutrition Program, which provides high quality, cost-efficient, meals to seniors and promotes the role of nutrition in preventative health and long-term care and, at that time, the County selected La Comida to be the first service organization to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Nutrition Program has grown to 39 sites within the County and La Comida was the largest of those sites each year until 2017-18, and La Comida has always been the only Senior Nutrition Program meal site located in Palo Alto, serving seniors in downtown Palo Alto from its location at 450 Bryant Street; and

WHEREAS, at the end of August 2017, La Comida had to leave downtown Palo Alto when the 450 Bryant Street facility was closed for remodeling and, with the unfailing support of Stevenson House, La Comida was able to complete a move to Stevenson House in south Palo Alto in September 2017; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the success of its move to Stevenson House, La Comida has always remained committed to restoring its meal service to Palo Alto's large community of downtown area seniors, many of whom lost access to La Comida's meal service as a result of its move to south Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2019, after increased awareness and the launch of a formal fundraising campaign, La Comida's meal service was restored to downtown Palo Alto when La Comida, in association with the Palo Alto Masonic Temple Association, opened a new Senior Nutrition Program meal site at the Masonic Center located at 461 Florence Street; and

WHEREAS, La Comida is also continuing to serve seniors from its south Palo Alto site at Stevenson House, thus expanding seniors' access to Senior Nutrition Program meals to both downtown Palo Alto and south Palo Alto.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric Filseth, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby thank La Comida for its many years of valuable service to the community's seniors and congratulate La Comida on its successful relocation to Stevenson House, its restoration of service in downtown Palo Alto, and its commitment to community outreach and fundraising to support this expansion.

Presented: March 18, 2019

Eric Filseth
Mayor