



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

(ID # 10305)

Report Type: Special Orders of the Day Meeting Date: 5/6/2019

Summary Title: Bud Starmer Proclamation

**Title: Adoption of a Resolution Expressing Appreciation to Mr. Menter
"Bud" Starmer Upon his Retirement**

From: City Manager

Lead Department: City Manager

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Bud Starmer Resolution



Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MR. MENTER “BUD” STARMER UPON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Mr. Menter “Bud” Starmer began his tenure of public service in Palo Alto in 1995, and has since become a leading figure in Development Services for customer service and life safety of our city for the last 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Starmer worked diligently to facilitate code compliance for building projects while going above and beyond to communicate and build relationships with members of the community; and

WHEREAS, as the Building Inspection Supervisor he developed Inspection Guidebooks in order to provide further clarity on the inspection process, which have since become known as “The Bud Books;” and

WHEREAS, he was an instrumental part of developing and implementing the Development Services Blueprint to evolve the department into a higher performing, customer focused system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Starmer led the charge in 2015 to assist the City of Palo Alto in being recognized as a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Class 1 rated community; an ISO award that recognizes the department’s efforts for improving its building code enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, he was nominated and received the American Construction Inspectors Association (ACIA) Industry of the Year Award for teamwork, advance planning, and proactive approach to improve the building and inspection industry, not only for the City, but statewide; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Starmer continuously fostered a team environment through his leadership, generosity, and historical knowledge that he shared; and,

WHEREAS, he devotes his free time to his family and farm where he grows walnuts, persimmons, and pomegranates which he generously shares with his friends, family, and coworkers every fall; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Starmer went out of his way to recognize and appreciate all staff for their contributions and service for the citizens of Palo Alto.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Eric Filseth, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, recognize Menter Starmer for his commitment to the City of Palo Alto and do hereby celebrate his achievements and years of service as Building Inspection Supervisor and congratulate him on his retirement on May 3, 2019.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: May 6, 2019

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Manager

City Attorney