



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

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**Report Type: Special Orders of the Day Meeting Date: 12/9/2019**

**Summary Title: Proclamation for PSN's 10 Year Anniversary**

**Title: Proclamation Honoring Project Safety Net's 10-Year Anniversary**

**From: City Manager**

**Lead Department: Community Services**

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: City of Palo Alto PSN 10th Anniversary Proclamation

City of Palo Alto Proclamation  
Project Safety Net 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

WHEREAS, youth, parents, educators, youth serving organizations, faith community, healthcare providers, legislators, business, government staff, and resident advocates came together in Fall 2009 to form Project Safety Net; and

WHEREAS, Project Safety Net was launched as a collaborative community network held together by a common interest of fostering youth well-being and suicide prevention in Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, Project Safety Net came together over the last decade to create change by collectively responding to tragedy through mobilizing community support and resources in Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, Project Safety Net's notable efforts includes restricting access to lethal means to harm along railways; elevating youth social and emotional well-being through Developmental Assets, leadership development, and community service initiatives; initiating Centers for Disease Control Epi-Aid Investigation of youth suicide in Santa Clara County, and advocating for stronger youth behavioral health clinical services infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Project Safety Net includes nearly 50 partners working collectively on community education, outreach, and training; access to quality youth mental health services; and policy advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Project Safety Net envisions that young people are empowered, in partnership with the whole community, to advocate for themselves and their peers; youth suicide is ended; stigma is non-existent, and high-quality mental health services are culturally-relevant, accessible, and well-utilized; and Palo Alto is a community where youth and young adults feel safe, supported, and accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric Filseth, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim 2019 as a year to honor Project Safety Net's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.