



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Adoption of a Resolution for Mayor Filseth

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Expressing Appreciation for Outstanding Public Service to Eric Filseth as 2019
Mayor**

From: City Manager

Lead Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Eric Filseth Resolution 2019



Resolution

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO ERIC FILSETH AS 2019 MAYOR

WHEREAS, Eric Filseth served as Mayor of the City of Palo Alto from January 7, 2019 through January 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, during his time as Mayor, Eric served as the Chair of the Council Appointed Officers Committee; and

WHEREAS, Eric provided effective regional and city-wide leadership on issues facing the City of Palo Alto, focusing on the City's land use and environmental policies through regional groups as well as improved outreach to businesses and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Eric coordinated work with City Staff and represented the City on countless occasions throughout the year including the Manzanita Forums and ribbon cutting ceremonies for both the HP Solar Array and Baylands Boardwalk renovation; and

WHEREAS, Eric encouraged citizen input to City governance in a variety of formats throughout the year, spent time with community leaders and citizens to understand their positions and include such views in Council deliberations including tenant protections, vaping sales, and small-cell transmitters; and

WHEREAS, with the City prioritizing Sustainability in 2019, Eric has been a leader in the advancement of Palo Alto's environmental sustainability through support of the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S/CAP), renewable energy and zero waste plans including actions to reduce use of natural gas and disposable plastics; and the decommissioning of Palo Alto's waste incinerator, the city's single largest source of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, Eric was a champion for the public-private partnership between the City and Pets In Need to operate the city's animal shelter, ensuring that Palo Altans will have a safe and effective pet shelter in their community; and

WHEREAS, with Eric's passion for finance, he led efforts to structurally improve the city's budgeting process to better account for and fund its pension liabilities now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, Eric advocated and worked with the entire city council to purchase a parcel of land in the Ventura neighborhood which will be dedicated as an expansion of Boulware Park; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor, Eric successfully led the City of Palo Alto during a landmark year that included many important accomplishments such as groundbreaking on the California Avenue Garage and Public Safety Building project, expanding parking relief to Old Palo Alto, and new multi-year contracts with most City bargaining groups; and

WHEREAS, 2019 was the 125th anniversary of Palo Alto's incorporation, Eric led public celebrations to mark the occasion; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, Eric chaired efficient and productive meetings, allowing everyone an equal opportunity to participate while encouraging timely action, and his service on the Council exemplified his integrity, passion and commitment toward the betterment of Palo Alto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Palo Alto hereby commends the outstanding public service of Eric Filseth and gratefully records both its appreciation, and the appreciation of the citizens of this community, for his meritorious service and commitment during his term as Mayor.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: January 6, 2020

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Manager

APPROVED:

Mayor

City Attorney