

Proclamation

Recognizing Council Member Michael A. Smith

WHEREAS, Michael Smith was elected in November 2020 to become the first District 4 Council Member in Redwood City, serving with distinction as a member of the City Council Finance and Audit Sub-Committee and its Equity and Social Justice Sub-Committee; and

WHEREAS, Michael A. Smith was raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he learned about public service at an early age from his parents who modeled such dedication by establishing a church there; and

WHEREAS, Michael Smith earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics from Yale University and a Master of Business Administration from the Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University and, after a successful financial career in New York, found a new home in Redwood City; and

WHEREAS, prior to his election to City Council, Michael Smith was appointed to serve for two and a half years as a Redwood City Planning Commissioner beginning in June 2018 and provided leadership as Co-chair of the Palm Park Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his municipal service, Michael Smith has volunteered his time, talent, vision and values to the community of Redwood City in a variety of ways, including with the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula, as a Member of the Board of Directors for Filoli Center which supports the nonprofit work associated with the Filoli Historic House and Garden, and on the Board of Directors for the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center which strengthens community through skill-building and conflict resolution, and on the Board of Directors for the Sequoia Awards which honors community volunteerism and provides scholarships to local high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, while serving the community in these many capacities, Michael Smith has continued to work full time in leadership positions at Google and SAMI Services, and has still made time to serve as an Adjunct Professor for the College of Arts & Sciences at Menlo College, where he has taught economics since January 2021; and


WHEREAS, Council Member Smith has challenged Redwood City to expand its vision for social impact through the generative symbolism of a new local mural focused on racial equity, through a detailed attention to data in City decision-making, through steady encouragement to apply an equity lens in all aspects of services, and through exploration of entrepreneurial approaches to governance, affordable housing, and youth empowerment; and


WHEREAS, effective August 1, 2022, Council Member Smith will leave his seat on the Redwood City Council as he relocates to tend to family obligations in the Northeast.

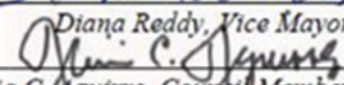
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, GISELLE HALE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redwood City, do hereby honor and commend **Michael A. Smith** for his dedication and valuable contributions to Redwood City.

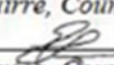
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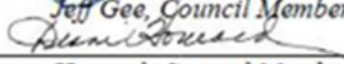


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